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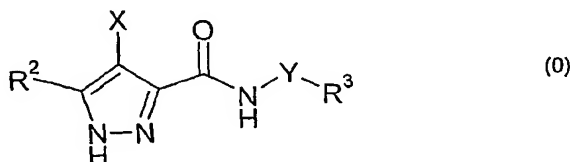
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(57) Abstract: The invention provides a combination of a compound having the formula (0) and two or more further anti-cancer agents: or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof; wherein X is a group R¹-A-NR⁴ or a 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring; A is a bond, SO₂, C=O, NR³(C=O) or O(C=O) wherein R³ is hydrogen or C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C₁₋₄ alkoxy; Y is a bond or an alkylene chain of 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms in length; R¹ is hydrogen; a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group having from 3 to 12 ring members; or a C₁₋₈ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxy, C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyloxy, amino, mono- or di-C₁₋₄ hydrocarbylamino, and carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and wherein 1 or 2 of the carbon atoms of the hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by an atom or group selected from O, S, NH, SO, SO₂; R² is hydrogen; halogen; C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy); or a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy); R⁴ is selected from hydrogen and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; and R⁴ is hydrogen or a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy).

PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOUNDS

This invention relates to combinations of pyrazole compounds that inhibit or modulate the activity of cyclin dependent kinase (CDK) and/or glycogen synthase kinase (GSK, e.g. GSK-3) with two or more further anti-cancer agents, and to the therapeutic uses of such combinations.

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Background of the Invention

The compounds of Formula (I) and subgroups thereof and the compound 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide and the hydrochloric acid addition salt thereof are disclosed in our earlier International patent application number PCT/GB2004/003179 (Publication No. WO 2005/012256) as
10 being inhibitors of Cyclin Dependent Kinases (CDK kinases) and Glycogen Synthase Kinase-3 (GSK3).

The methanesulphonic acid and acetic acid addition salts of compound 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide and crystals thereof and method of making them are disclosed in our earlier applications USSN 60/645,973 and GB 0501475.8.

Protein kinases constitute a large family of structurally related enzymes that are responsible for the control of a wide variety of signal transduction processes within the cell (Hardie, G. and Hanks, S. (1995) *The Protein Kinase Facts Book. I and II*, Academic Press, San Diego, CA). The kinases may be categorized into families by
15 the substrates they phosphorylate (e.g., protein-tyrosine, protein-serine/threonine, lipids, etc.). Sequence motifs have been identified that generally correspond to each of these kinase families (e.g., Hanks, S.K., Hunter, T., *FASEB J.*, 9:576-596 (1995); Knighton, *et al.*, *Science*, 253:407-414 (1991); Hiles, *et al.*, *Cell*, 70:419-429
20 (1992); Kunz, *et al.*, *Cell*, 73:585-596 (1993); Garcia-Bustos, *et al.*, *EMBO J.*, 13:2352-2361 (1994)).

Protein kinases may be characterized by their regulation mechanisms. These mechanisms include, for example, autophosphorylation, transphosphorylation by other kinases, protein-protein interactions, protein-lipid interactions, and protein-polynucleotide interactions. An individual protein kinase may be regulated by more than one mechanism.

Kinases regulate many different cell processes including, but not limited to, proliferation, differentiation, apoptosis, motility, transcription, translation and other signalling processes, by adding phosphate groups to target proteins. These phosphorylation events act as molecular on/off switches that can modulate or regulate the target protein biological function. Phosphorylation of target proteins occurs in response to a variety of extracellular signals (hormones, neurotransmitters, growth and differentiation factors, etc.), cell cycle events,
25 environmental or nutritional stresses, etc. The appropriate protein kinase functions in signalling pathways to activate or inactivate (either directly or indirectly), for example, a metabolic enzyme, regulatory protein, receptor, cytoskeletal protein, ion channel or pump, or transcription factor. Uncontrolled signalling due to defective control of protein phosphorylation has been implicated in a number of diseases, including, for example, inflammation, cancer, allergy/asthma, disease and conditions of the immune system, disease and
30 conditions of the central nervous system, and angiogenesis.

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Cyclin Dependent Kinases

The process of eukaryotic cell division may be broadly divided into a series of sequential phases termed G1, S, G2 and M. Correct progression through the various phases of the cell cycle has been shown to be critically dependent upon the spatial and temporal regulation of a family of proteins known as cyclin dependent kinases (cdks) and a diverse set of their cognate protein partners termed cyclins. Cdk2 is cdc2 (also known as cdk1), homologous serine-threonine kinase proteins that are able to utilise ATP as a substrate in the phosphorylation of diverse polypeptides in a sequence dependent context. Cyclins are a family of proteins characterised by a homology region, containing approximately 100 amino acids, termed the "cyclin box" which is used in binding to, and defining selectivity for, specific cdk partner proteins.

Modulation of the expression levels, degradation rates, and activation levels of various cdk2 and cyclins throughout the cell cycle leads to the cyclical formation of a series of cdk2/cyclin complexes, in which the cdk2 are enzymatically active. The formation of these complexes controls passage through discrete cell cycle checkpoints and thereby enables the process of cell division to continue. Failure to satisfy the pre-requisite biochemical criteria at a given cell cycle checkpoint, *i.e.* failure to form a required cdk2/cyclin complex, can lead to cell cycle arrest and/or cellular apoptosis. Aberrant cellular proliferation, as manifested in cancer, can often be attributed to loss of correct cell cycle control. Inhibition of cdk2 enzymatic activity therefore provides a means by which abnormally dividing cells can have their division arrested and/or be killed. The diversity of cdk2, and cdk2 complexes, and their critical roles in mediating the cell cycle, provides a broad spectrum of potential therapeutic targets selected on the basis of a defined biochemical rationale.

Progression from the G1 phase to the S phase of the cell cycle is primarily regulated by cdk2, cdk3, cdk4 and cdk6 via association with members of the D and E type cyclins. The D-type cyclins appear instrumental in enabling passage beyond the G1 restriction point, whereas the cdk2/cyclin E complex is key to the transition from the G1 to S phase. Subsequent progression through S phase and entry into G2 is thought to require the cdk2/cyclin A complex. Both mitosis, and the G2 to M phase transition which triggers it, are regulated by complexes of cdk1 and the A and B type cyclins.

During G1 phase Retinoblastoma protein (Rb), and related pocket proteins such as p130, are substrates for cdk2, 4, & 6/cyclin complexes. Progression through G1 is in part facilitated by hyperphosphorylation, and thus inactivation, of Rb and p130 by the cdk2(4/6)/cyclin-D complexes. Hyperphosphorylation of Rb and p130 causes the release of transcription factors, such as E2F, and thus the expression of genes necessary for progression through G1 and for entry into S-phase, such as the gene for cyclin E. Expression of cyclin E facilitates formation of the cdk2/cyclin E complex which amplifies, or maintains, E2F levels via further phosphorylation of Rb. The cdk2/cyclin E complex also phosphorylates other proteins necessary for DNA replication, such as NPAT, which has been implicated in histone biosynthesis. G1 progression and the G1/S transition are also regulated via the mitogen stimulated Myc pathway, which feeds into the cdk2/cyclin E pathway. Cdk2 is also connected to the p53 mediated DNA damage response pathway via p53 regulation of p21 levels. p21 is a protein inhibitor of cdk2/cyclin E and is thus capable of blocking, or delaying, the G1/S transition. The cdk2/cyclin E complex may thus represent a point at which biochemical stimuli from the Rb, Myc and p53 pathways are to some degree integrated. Cdk2 and/or the cdk2/cyclin E complex therefore represent good targets for therapeutics designed at arresting, or recovering control of, the cell cycle in aberrantly dividing cells.

The exact role of cdk3 in the cell cycle is not clear. As yet no cognate cyclin partner has been identified, but a dominant negative form of cdk3 delayed cells in G1, thereby suggesting that cdk3 has a role in regulating the G1/S transition.

Although most cdks have been implicated in regulation of the cell cycle there is evidence that certain members of the cdk family are involved in other biochemical processes. This is exemplified by cdk5 which is necessary for correct neuronal development and which has also been implicated in the phosphorylation of several neuronal proteins such as Tau, NUDE-1, synapsin1, DARPP32 and the Munc18/Syntaxin1A complex. Neuronal cdk5 is conventionally activated by binding to the p35/p39 proteins. Cdk5 activity can, however, be deregulated by the binding of p25, a truncated version of p35. Conversion of p35 to p25, and subsequent deregulation of cdk5 activity, can be induced by ischemia, excitotoxicity, and β -amyloid peptide. Consequently p25 has been implicated in the pathogenesis of neurodegenerative diseases, such as Alzheimer's, and is therefore of interest as a target for therapeutics directed against these diseases.

Cdk7 is a nuclear protein that has cdc2 CAK activity and binds to cyclin H. Cdk7 has been identified as component of the TFIIH transcriptional complex which has RNA polymerase II C-terminal domain (CTD) activity. This has been associated with the regulation of HIV-1 transcription via a Tat-mediated biochemical pathway. Cdk8 binds cyclin C and has been implicated in the phosphorylation of the CTD of RNA polymerase II. Similarly the cdk9/cyclin-T1 complex (P-TEFb complex) has been implicated in elongation control of RNA polymerase II. PTEF-b is also required for activation of transcription of the HIV-1 genome by the viral transactivator Tat through its interaction with cyclin T1. Cdk7, cdk8, cdk9 and the P-TEFb complex are therefore potential targets for anti-viral therapeutics.

At a molecular level mediation of cdk/cyclin complex activity requires a series of stimulatory and inhibitory phosphorylation, or dephosphorylation, events. Cdk phosphorylation is performed by a group of cdk activating kinases (CAKs) and/or kinases such as wee1, Myt1 and Mik1. Dephosphorylation is performed by phosphatases such as cdc25(a & c), pp2a, or KAP.

Cdk/cyclin complex activity may be further regulated by two families of endogenous cellular proteinaceous inhibitors: the Kip/Cip family, or the INK family. The INK proteins specifically bind cdk4 and cdk6. p16^{ink4} (also known as MTS1) is a potential tumour suppressor gene that is mutated, or deleted, in a large number of primary cancers. The Kip/Cip family contains proteins such as p21^{Cip1,Waf1}, p27^{Kip1} and p57^{Kip2}. As discussed previously p21 is induced by p53 and is able to inactivate the cdk2/cyclin(E/A) and cdk4/cyclin(D1/D2/D3) complexes. Atypically low levels of p27 expression have been observed in breast, colon and prostate cancers. Conversely over expression of cyclin E in solid tumours has been shown to correlate with poor patient prognosis. Over expression of cyclin D1 has been associated with oesophageal, breast, squamous, and non-small cell lung carcinomas.

The pivotal roles of cdks, and their associated proteins, in co-ordinating and driving the cell cycle in proliferating cells have been outlined above. Some of the biochemical pathways in which cdks play a key role have also been described. The development of monotherapies for the treatment of proliferative disorders, such as cancers, using therapeutics targeted generically at cdks, or at specific cdks, is therefore potentially highly desirable. Cdk inhibitors could conceivably also be used to treat other conditions such as viral infections, autoimmune diseases and neuro-degenerative diseases, amongst others. Cdk targeted therapeutics may also

provide clinical benefits in the treatment of the previously described diseases when used in combination therapy with either existing, or new, therapeutic agents. Cdk targeted anticancer therapies could potentially have advantages over many current antitumour agents as they would not directly interact with DNA and should therefore reduce the risk of secondary tumour development.

5 Glycogen Synthase Kinase

Glycogen Synthase Kinase-3 (GSK3) is a serine-threonine kinase that occurs as two ubiquitously expressed isoforms in humans (GSK3 α & beta GSK3 β). GSK3 has been implicated as having roles in embryonic development, protein synthesis, cell proliferation, cell differentiation, microtubule dynamics, cell motility and cellular apoptosis. As such GSK3 has been implicated in the progression of disease states such as diabetes, cancer, Alzheimer's disease, stroke, epilepsy, motor neuron disease and/or head trauma. Phylogenetically GSK3 is most closely related to the cyclin dependent kinases (CDKs).

The consensus peptide substrate sequence recognised by GSK3 is (Ser/Thr)-X-X-X-(pSer/pThr), where X is any amino acid (at positions (n+1), (n+2), (n+3)) and pSer and pThr are phospho-serine and phospho-threonine respectively (n+4). GSK3 phosphorylates the first serine, or threonine, at position (n). Phospho-serine, or phospho-threonine, at the (n+4) position appears necessary for priming GSK3 to give maximal substrate turnover. Phosphorylation of GSK3 α at Ser21, or GSK3 β at Ser9, leads to inhibition of GSK3. Mutagenesis and peptide competition studies have led to the model that the phosphorylated N-terminus of GSK3 is able to compete with phospho-peptide substrate (S/TXXXpS/pT) via an autoinhibitory mechanism. There are also data suggesting that GSK3 α and GSK3 β may be subtly regulated by phosphorylation of tyrosines 279 and 216 respectively. Mutation of these residues to a Phe caused a reduction in *in vivo* kinase activity. The X-ray crystallographic structure of GSK3 β has helped to shed light on all aspects of GSK3 activation and regulation.

GSK3 forms part of the mammalian insulin response pathway and is able to phosphorylate, and thereby inactivate, glycogen synthase. Upregulation of glycogen synthase activity, and thereby glycogen synthesis, through inhibition of GSK3, has thus been considered a potential means of combating type II, or non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (NIDDM): a condition in which body tissues become resistant to insulin stimulation. The cellular insulin response in liver, adipose, or muscle tissues is triggered by insulin binding to an extracellular insulin receptor. This causes the phosphorylation, and subsequent recruitment to the plasma membrane, of the insulin receptor substrate (IRS) proteins. Further phosphorylation of the IRS proteins initiates recruitment of phosphoinositide-3 kinase (PI3K) to the plasma membrane where it is able to liberate the second messenger phosphatidylinositol 3,4,5-trisphosphate (PIP3). This facilitates co-localisation of 3-phosphoinositide-dependent protein kinase 1 (PDK1) and protein kinase B (PKB or Akt) to the membrane, where PDK1 activates PKB. PKB is able to phosphorylate, and thereby inhibit, GSK3 α and/or GSK3 β through phosphorylation of Ser9, or Ser21, respectively. The inhibition of GSK3 then triggers upregulation of glycogen synthase activity. Therapeutic agents able to inhibit GSK3 may thus be able to induce cellular responses akin to those seen on insulin stimulation. A further *in vivo* substrate of GSK3 is the eukaryotic protein synthesis initiation factor 2B (eIF2B). eIF2B is inactivated via phosphorylation and is thus able to suppress protein biosynthesis. Inhibition of GSK3, e.g. by inactivation of the "mammalian target of rapamycin" protein (mTOR), can thus upregulate protein biosynthesis. Finally there is some evidence for regulation of GSK3 activity via the mitogen activated protein kinase (MAPK) pathway through phosphorylation of GSK3 by kinases such as

mitogen activated protein kinase activated protein kinase 1 (MAPKAP-K1 or RSK). These data suggest that GSK3 activity may be modulated by mitogenic, insulin and/or amino acid stimuli.

It has also been shown that GSK3 β is a key component in the vertebrate Wnt signalling pathway. This biochemical pathway has been shown to be critical for normal embryonic development and regulates cell proliferation in normal tissues. GSK3 becomes inhibited in response to Wnt stimuli. This can lead to the de-phosphorylation of GSK3 substrates such as Axin, the adenomatous polyposis coli (APC) gene product and β -catenin. Aberrant regulation of the Wnt pathway has been associated with many cancers. Mutations in APC, and/or β -catenin, are common in colorectal cancer and other tumours. β -catenin has also been shown to be of importance in cell adhesion. Thus GSK3 may also modulate cellular adhesion processes to some degree.

Apart from the biochemical pathways already described there are also data implicating GSK3 in the regulation of cell division via phosphorylation of cyclin-D1, in the phosphorylation of transcription factors such as c-Jun, CCAAT/enhancer binding protein α (C/EBP α), c-Myc and/or other substrates such as Nuclear Factor of Activated T-cells (NFATc), Heat Shock Factor-1 (HSF-1) and the c-AMP response element binding protein (CREB). GSK3 also appears to play a role, albeit tissue specific, in regulating cellular apoptosis. The role of GSK3 in modulating cellular apoptosis, via a pro-apoptotic mechanism, may be of particular relevance to medical conditions in which neuronal apoptosis can occur. Examples of these are head trauma, stroke, epilepsy, Alzheimer's and motor neuron diseases, progressive supranuclear palsy, corticobasal degeneration, and Pick's disease. *In vitro* it has been shown that GSK3 is able to hyper-phosphorylate the microtubule associated protein Tau. Hyperphosphorylation of Tau disrupts its normal binding to microtubules and may also lead to the formation of intra-cellular Tau filaments. It is believed that the progressive accumulation of these filaments leads to eventual neuronal dysfunction and degeneration. Inhibition of Tau phosphorylation, through inhibition of GSK3, may thus provide a means of limiting and/or preventing neurodegenerative effects.

Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphomas (DLBCL)

Cell cycle progression is regulated by the combined action of cyclins, cyclin-dependent kinases (CDKs), and CDK-inhibitors (CDKi), which are negative cell cycle regulators. p27KIP1 is a CDKi key in cell cycle regulation, whose degradation is required for G1/S transition. In spite of the absence of p27KIP1 expression in proliferating lymphocytes, some aggressive B-cell lymphomas have been reported to show an anomalous p27KIP1 staining. An abnormally high expression of p27KIP1 was found in lymphomas of this type. Analysis of the clinical relevance of these findings showed that a high level of p27KIP1 expression in this type of tumour is an adverse prognostic marker, in both univariate and multivariate analysis. These results show that there is abnormal p27KIP1 expression in Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphomas (DLBCL), with adverse clinical significance, suggesting that this anomalous p27KIP1 protein may be rendered non-functional through interaction with other cell cycle regulator proteins. (Br. J. Cancer. 1999 Jul;80(9):1427-34. p27KIP1 is abnormally expressed in Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphomas and is associated with an adverse clinical outcome. Saez A, Sanchez E, Sanchez-Beato M, Cruz MA, Chacon I, Munoz E, Camacho FI, Martinez-Montero JC, Mollejo M, Garcia JF, Piris MA. Department of Pathology, Virgen de la Salud Hospital, Toledo, Spain.)

Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

B-Cell chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) is the most common leukaemia in the Western hemisphere, with approximately 10,000 new cases diagnosed each year (Parker SL, Tong T, Bolden S, Wingo PA: Cancer

statistics, 1997. *Ca. Cancer. J. Clin.* 47:5, (1997)). Relative to other forms of leukaemia, the overall prognosis of CLL is good, with even the most advanced stage patients having a median survival of 3 years.

5 The addition of fludarabine as initial therapy for symptomatic CLL patients has led to a higher rate of complete responses (27% v 3%) and duration of progression-free survival (33 v 17 months) as compared with previously used alkylator-based therapies. Although attaining a complete clinical response after therapy is the initial step toward improving survival in CLL, the majority of patients either do not attain complete remission or fail to respond to fludarabine. Furthermore, all patients with CLL treated with fludarabine eventually relapse, making its role as a single agent purely palliative (Rai KR, Peterson B, Elias L, Shepherd L, Hines J, Nelson D, Cheson B, Kolitz J, Schiffer CA: A randomized comparison of fludarabine and chlorambucil for patients with previously
10 untreated chronic lymphocytic leukemia. *A CALGB SWOG, CTG/NCI-C and ECOG Inter-Group Study. Blood* 88:141a, 1996 (abstr 552, suppl 1). Therefore, identifying new agents with novel mechanisms of action that complement fludarabine's cytotoxicity and abrogate the resistance induced by intrinsic CLL drug-resistance factors will be necessary if further advances in the therapy of this disease are to be realized.

15 The most extensively studied, uniformly predictive factor for poor response to therapy and inferior survival in CLL patients is aberrant p53 function, as characterized by point mutations or chromosome 17p13 deletions. Indeed, virtually no responses to either alkylator or purine analog therapy have been documented in multiple single institution case series for those CLL patients with abnormal p53 function. Introduction of a therapeutic agent that has the ability to overcome the drug resistance associated with p53 mutation in CLL would potentially be a major advance for the treatment of the disease.

20 Flavopiridol and CYC 202, inhibitors of cyclin-dependent kinases induce in vitro apoptosis of malignant cells from B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia (B-CLL).

Flavopiridol exposure results in the stimulation of caspase 3 activity and in caspase-dependent cleavage of p27(kip1), a negative regulator of the cell cycle, which is overexpressed in B-CLL (*Blood*. 1998 Nov 15;92(10):3804-16 Flavopiridol induces apoptosis in chronic lymphocytic leukemia cells via activation of
25 caspase-3 without evidence of bcl-2 modulation or dependence on functional p53. Byrd JC, Shinn C, Waselenko JK, Fuchs EJ, Lehman TA, Nguyen PL, Flinn IW, Diehl LF, Sausville E, Grever MR).

A wide variety of anti-cancer agents find application in the combinations of the invention, as described in detail below.

30 It is an object of the invention to provide therapeutic combinations of pyrazole compounds that inhibit or modulate (in particular inhibit) the activity of cyclin dependent kinases (CDK) and/or glycogen synthase kinase (e.g. GSK-3) with two or more further anti-cancer agents. Such combinations may have an advantageous efficacious effect against tumour cell growth, in comparison with the respective effects shown by the individual components of the combination.

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Prior Art

WO 02/34721 from Du Pont discloses a class of indeno [1,2-c]pyrazol-4-ones as inhibitors of cyclin dependent kinases.

WO 01/81348 from Bristol Myers Squibb describes the use of 5-thio-, sulphinyl- and sulphonylpyrazolo[3,4-b]-pyridines as cyclin dependent kinase inhibitors.

WO 00/62778 also from Bristol Myers Squibb discloses a class of protein tyrosine kinase inhibitors.

5 WO 01/72745A1 from Cyclacel describes 2-substituted 4-heteroaryl-pyrimidines and their preparation, pharmaceutical compositions containing them and their use as inhibitors of cyclin-dependant kinases (CDKs) and hence their use in the treatment of proliferative disorders such as cancer, leukaemia, psoriasis and the like.

10 WO 99/21845 from Agouron describes 4-aminothiazole derivatives for inhibiting cyclin-dependent kinases (CDKs), such as CDK1, CDK2, CDK4, and CDK6. The invention is also directed to the therapeutic or prophylactic use of pharmaceutical compositions containing such compounds and to methods of treating malignancies and other disorders by administering effective amounts of such compounds.

WO 01/53274 from Agouron discloses as CDK kinase inhibitors a class of compounds which can comprise an amide-substituted benzene ring linked to an N-containing heterocyclic group.

WO 01/98290 (Pharmacia & Upjohn) discloses a class of 3-aminocarbonyl-2-carboxamido thiophene derivatives as protein kinase inhibitors.

15 WO 01/53268 and WO 01/02369 from Agouron disclose compounds that mediate or inhibit cell proliferation through the inhibition of protein kinases such as cyclin dependent kinase or tyrosine kinase. The Agouron compounds have an aryl or heteroaryl ring attached directly or through a CH=CH or CH=N group to the 3-position of an indazole ring.

20 WO 00/39108 and WO 02/00651 (both to Du Pont Pharmaceuticals) describe heterocyclic compounds that are inhibitors of trypsin-like serine protease enzymes, especially factor Xa and thrombin. The compounds are stated to be useful as anticoagulants or for the prevention of thromboembolic disorders.

US 2002/0091116 (Zhu *et al.*), WO 01/19798 and WO 01/64642 each disclose diverse groups of heterocyclic compounds as inhibitors of Factor Xa. Some 1-substituted pyrazole carboxamides are disclosed and exemplified.

25 US 6,127,382, WO 01/70668, WO 00/68191, WO 97/48672, WO 97/19052 and WO 97/19062 (all to Allergan) each describe compounds having retinoid-like activity for use in the treatment of various hyperproliferative diseases including cancers.

30 WO 02/070510 (Bayer) describes a class of amino-dicarboxylic acid compounds for use in the treatment of cardiovascular diseases. Although pyrazoles are mentioned generically, there are no specific examples of pyrazoles in this document.

WO 97/03071 (Knoll AG) discloses a class of heterocyclyl-carboxamide derivatives for use in the treatment of central nervous system disorders. Pyrazoles are mentioned generally as examples of heterocyclic groups but no specific pyrazole compounds are disclosed or exemplified.

WO 97/40017 (Novo Nordisk) describes compounds that are modulators of protein tyrosine phosphatases.

WO 03/020217 (Univ. Connecticut) discloses a class of pyrazole 3-carboxamides as cannabinoid receptor modulators for treating neurological conditions. It is stated (page 15) that the compounds can be used in cancer chemotherapy but it is not made clear whether the compounds are active as anti-cancer agents or whether they are administered for other purposes.

- 5 WO 01/58869 (Bristol Myers Squibb) discloses cannabinoid receptor modulators that can be used *inter alia* to treat a variety of diseases. The main use envisaged is the treatment of respiratory diseases, although reference is made to the treatment of cancer.

WO 01/02385 (Aventis Crop Science) discloses 1-(quinoline-4-yl)-1H-pyrazole derivatives as fungicides. 1-Unsubstituted pyrazoles are disclosed as synthetic intermediates.

- 10 WO 2004/039795 (Fujisawa) discloses amides containing a 1-substituted pyrazole group as inhibitors of apolipoprotein B secretion. The compounds are stated to be useful in treating such conditions as hyperlipidemia.

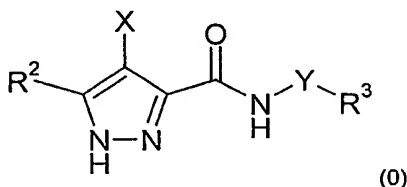
WO 2004/000318 (Cellular Genomics) discloses various amino-substituted monocycles as kinase modulators. None of the exemplified compounds are pyrazoles.

15 Summary of the Invention

The invention provides combinations of pyrazole compounds that have cyclin dependent kinase inhibiting or modulating activity, with two or more further anti-cancer agents wherein the combinations have efficacy against abnormal cell growth.

- 20 Thus, for example, it is envisaged that the combinations of the invention will be useful in alleviating or reducing the incidence of cancer.

Accordingly, in one aspect, the invention provides a combination of a compound having the formula (0) and two or more further anti-cancer agents:



- 25 or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;
wherein

X is a group R¹-A-NR⁴- or a 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring;

A is a bond, SO₂, C=O, NR⁹(C=O) or O(C=O) wherein R⁹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C₁₋₄ alkoxy;

- 30 Y is a bond or an alkylene chain of 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms in length;

R¹ is hydrogen; a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group having from 3 to 12 ring members; or a C₁₋₈ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxy, C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyloxy, amino, mono- or di-C₁₋₄ hydrocarbylamino, and carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups

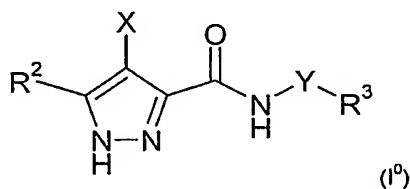
having from 3 to 12 ring members, and wherein 1 or 2 of the carbon atoms of the hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by an atom or group selected from O, S, NH, SO, SO₂;

R² is hydrogen; halogen; C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy); or a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy);

5 R³ is selected from hydrogen and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; and

R⁴ is hydrogen or a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy).

10 In one embodiment, the invention provides a combination of a compound having the formula (I⁰) and two or more further anti-cancer agents:



or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;
wherein

15 X is a group R¹-A-NR⁴- or a 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring;

A is a bond, C=O, NR⁹(C=O) or O(C=O) wherein R⁹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C₁₋₄ alkoxy;

Y is a bond or an alkylene chain of 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms in length;

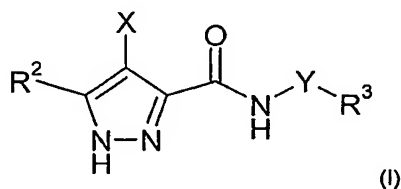
20 R¹ is hydrogen; a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group having from 3 to 12 ring members; or a C₁₋₈ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxy, C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyloxy, amino, mono- or di-C₁₋₄ hydrocarbylamino, and carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and wherein 1 or 2 of the carbon atoms of the hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by an atom or group selected from O, S, NH, SO, SO₂;

25 R² is hydrogen; halogen; C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy); or a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy);

R³ is selected from hydrogen and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; and

R⁴ is hydrogen or a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy).

30 In a further embodiment, the invention provides a combination of a compound having the formula (I) and two or more further anti-cancer agents:



or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;

wherein

X is a group R^1-A-NR^4 ;

5 A is a bond, $C=O$, $NR^9(C=O)$ or $O(C=O)$ wherein R^9 is hydrogen or C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C_{1-4} alkoxy;

Y is a bond or an alkylene chain of 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms in length;

10 R^1 is hydrogen; a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group having from 3 to 12 ring members; or a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxy, C_{1-4} hydrocarbyloxy, amino, mono- or di- C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, and carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and wherein 1 or 2 of the carbon atoms of the hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by an atom or group selected from O, S, NH, SO, SO_2 ;

R^2 is hydrogen; halogen; C_{1-4} alkoxy (e.g. methoxy); or a C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C_{1-4} alkoxy (e.g. methoxy);

15 R^3 is selected from hydrogen and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; and

R^4 is hydrogen or a C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C_{1-4} alkoxy (e.g. methoxy).

Any one or more of the following optional provisos, in any combination, may apply to the compounds of formulae (0), (I⁰), (I) and sub-groups thereof:

20 (a-i) When A is a bond and $Y-R^3$ is an alkyl, cycloalkyl, optionally substituted phenyl or optionally substituted phenylalkyl, then R^1 is other than a substituted or unsubstituted dihydronaphthalene, dihydrochroman, dihydrothiochroman, tetrahydroquinoline or tetrahydrobenzofuran group.

(a-ii) X and R^3 are each other than a moiety containing a maleimide group wherein the maleimide group has nitrogen atoms attached to the 3-and 4-positions thereof.

25 (a-iii) R^1 is other than a moiety containing a purine nucleoside group.

(a-iv) X and R^3 are each other than a moiety containing a cyclobutene-1,2-dione group wherein the cyclobutene-1,2-dione group has nitrogen atoms attached to the 3-and 4-positions thereof.

(a-v) R^3 is other than a moiety containing a 4-monosubstituted or 4,5-disubstituted 2-pyridyl or 2-pyrimidinyl group or a 5-monosubstituted or 5,6-disubstituted 1,2,4-triazin-3-yl or 3-pyridazinyl group.

30 (a-vi) X and R^3 are each other than a moiety containing a substituted or unsubstituted pyrazol-3-ylamine group linked to a substituted or unsubstituted pyridine, diazine or triazine group.

(a-vii) When A is $C=O$ and $Y-R^3$ is an alkyl, cycloalkyl, optionally substituted phenyl or optionally substituted phenylalkyl group, then R^1 is other than a substituted or unsubstituted tetrahydronaphthalene, tetrahydroquinolinyl, tetrahydrochromanyl or tetrahydrothiochromanyl group.

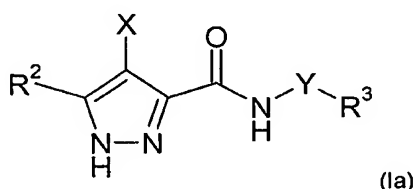
35 (a-viii) When R^3 is H and A is a bond, R^1 is other than a moiety containing a bis-aryl, bis-heteroaryl or aryl heteroaryl group.

(a-ix) R^3 is other than a moiety containing a 1,2,8,8a-tetrahydro-7-methyl-cyclopropa[c]pyrrolo[3,2,e]indole-4-(5H)-one group.

(a-x) When Y is a bond, R^3 is hydrogen, A is CO and R^1 is a substituted phenyl group, each substituent on the phenyl group is other than a group $CH_2-P(O)R^xR^y$ where R^x and R^y are each selected from alkoxy and phenyl groups.

(a-xi) X is other than 4-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)-3-methylimidazol-2-ylcarbonylamino.

In another embodiment, the invention provides a combination of a compound having the formula (Ia) and two or more further anti-cancer agents:



or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;
wherein

X is a group R^1-A-NR^4 ;

A is a bond, C=O, $NR^9(C=O)$ or $O(C=O)$ wherein R^9 is hydrogen or C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C_{1-4} alkoxy;

Y is a bond or an alkylene chain of 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms in length;

R^1 is a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group having from 3 to 12 ring members; or a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from fluorine, hydroxy, C_{1-4} hydrocarbyloxy, amino, mono- or di- C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, and carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and wherein 1 or 2 of the carbon atoms of the hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by an atom or group selected from O, S, NH, SO, SO_2 ;

R^2 is hydrogen; halogen; C_{1-4} alkoxy (e.g. methoxy); or a C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C_{1-4} alkoxy (e.g. methoxy);

R^3 is selected from hydrogen and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; and

R^4 is hydrogen or a C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C_{1-4} alkoxy (e.g. methoxy).

Any one or more of the following optional provisos, in any combination, may apply to the compounds of formula (Ia) and sub-groups thereof:

Provisos (a-i) to (a-xi) above.

(b-i) R^3 is other than a bridged azabicyclo group.

(b-ii) When A is a bond, then R^3 is other than a moiety containing an unsubstituted or substituted phenyl group having attached to an *ortho* position thereof, a substituted or unsubstituted carbamoyl or thiocarbamoyl group.

(b-iii) When A is a bond, then R³ is other than a moiety containing an isoquinoline or quinoxaline group each having attached thereto a substituted or unsubstituted piperidine or piperazine ring.

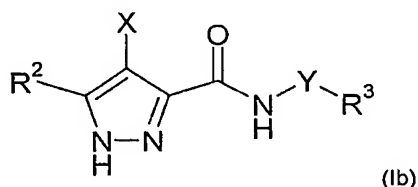
(b-iv) When A is a bond and R¹ is an alkyl group, then R³ is other than a moiety containing a thiaziazine group.

5 (b-v) When R¹ or R³ contain a moiety in which a heterocyclic ring having an S(=O)₂ ring member is fused to a carbocyclic ring, the said carbocyclic ring is other than a substituted or unsubstituted benzene ring

(b-vi) When A is a bond, R¹ is other than an arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl or piperidinylalkyl group each having attached thereto a substituent selected from cyano, and substituted or unsubstituted amino, aminoalkyl, amidine, guanidine, and carbamoyl groups.

10 (b-vii) When X is a group R¹-A-NR⁴-, A is a bond and R¹ is a non-aromatic group, then R³ is other than a six membered monocyclic aryl or heteroaryl group linked directly to a 5,6-fused bicyclic heteroaryl group.

In another embodiment, the invention provides a combination of a compound of the formula (Ib) and two or more further anti-cancer agents:



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or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;
wherein

X is a group R¹-A-NR⁴-;

20 A is a bond, C=O, NR⁹(C=O) or O(C=O) wherein R⁹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C₁₋₄ alkoxy;

Y is a bond or an alkylene chain of 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms in length;

25 R¹ is a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group having from 3 to 12 ring members; or a C₁₋₈ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from fluorine, hydroxy, C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyloxy, amino, mono- or di-C₁₋₄ hydrocarbylamino, and carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and wherein 1 or 2 of the carbon atoms of the hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by an atom or group selected from O, S, NH, SO, SO₂;

R² is hydrogen; halogen; C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy); or a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy);

R³ is selected from carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; and

30 R⁴ is hydrogen or a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy).

Any one or more of the following optional provisos, in any combination, may apply to the compounds of formula (Ib) and sub-groups thereof:

Provisos (a-i) to (a-vii), (a-ix) and (a-xi).

Provisos (b-i) to (b-vii).

(c-i) When A is a bond, R¹ is other than a substituted arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl or piperidinylalkyl group.

(c-ii) When X is an amino or alkylamino group and Y is a bond, R³ is other than a disubstituted thiazolyl group wherein one of the substituents is selected from cyano and fluoroalkyl.

- 5 The reference in proviso (a-iii) to a purine nucleoside group refers to substituted and unsubstituted purine groups having attached thereto a monosaccharide group (e.g. a pentose or hexose) or a derivative of a monosaccharide group, for example a deoxy monosaccharide group or a substituted monosaccharide group.

- The reference in proviso (b-i) to a bridged azabicyclo group refers to bicycloalkane bridged ring systems in which one of the carbon atoms of the bicycloalkane has been replaced by a nitrogen atom. In bridged ring
10 systems, two rings share more than two atoms, see for example *Advanced Organic Chemistry*, by Jerry March, 4th Edition, Wiley Interscience, pages 131-133, 1992.

The provisos (a-i) to (a-x), (b-i) to (b-vii), (c-i) and (c-ii) in formulae (I), (Ia) and (Ib) above refer to the disclosures in the following prior art documents.

(a-i)	US 2003/0166932, US 6,127,382, US 6,093,838
(a-ii)	WO 03/031440
(a-iii)	WO 03/014137
(a-iv)	WO 02/083624
(a-v)	WO 02/064586
(a-vi)	WO 02/22608, WO 02/22605, WO 02/22603 & WO 02/22601
(a-vii)	WO 97/48672, WO 97/19052
(a-viii)	WO 00/06169
(a-ix)	US 5,502,068
(a-x)	JP 07188269
(b-i)	WO 03/040147
(b-ii)	WO 01/70671
(b-iii)	WO 01/32626
(b-iv)	WO 98/08845
(b-v)	WO 00/59902
(b-vi)	US 6,020,357, WO 99/32454 & WO 98/28269
(b-vii)	WO 2004/012736
(c-i)	US 6,020,357, WO 99/32454 & WO 98/28269
(c-ii)	US 2004/0082629

- Any one or more of the foregoing optional provisos, (a-i) to (a-xi), (b-i) to (b-vii), (c-i) and (c-ii) in any
15 combination, may also apply to the compounds of formulae (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof as defined herein.

In the following aspects and embodiments of the invention, references to "a combination according to the invention" refer to the combination of a compound of formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va),

(Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and two or more further anti-cancer agents. In this section, as in all other sections of this application, unless the context indicates otherwise, references to a compound of formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) includes all other subgroups as defined herein. The term 'subgroups' includes all preferences, examples and particular compounds defined

5 herein.

Moreover, a reference to a compound of formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof includes ionic, salt, solvate, isomers, tautomers, N-oxides, ester, prodrugs, isotopes and protected forms thereof, as discussed below. Preferably, the salts or tautomers or isomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof. More preferably, the salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates

10 thereof.

A reference to a particular further anti-cancer agent includes ionic, salt, solvate, isomers, tautomers, N-oxides, ester, prodrugs, isotopes and protected forms thereof, for example, as discussed herein. Preferably, the salts or tautomers or isomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof. More preferably, the salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof.

15 The invention also provides:

- A combination according to the invention for use in alleviating or reducing the incidence of a disease or condition comprising or arising from abnormal cell growth in a mammal.
- A combination of the invention for use in the prophylaxis or treatment of a disease state or condition mediated by a cyclin dependent kinase or glycogen synthase kinase-3.
- 20 • A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of a disease state or condition mediated by a cyclin dependent kinase or glycogen synthase kinase-3, which method comprises administering to a subject in need thereof a combination of the invention.
- A method for alleviating or reducing the incidence of a disease state or condition mediated by a cyclin dependent kinase or glycogen synthase kinase-3, which method comprises administering to a subject
- 25 in need thereof a combination of the invention.
- A method for alleviating or reducing the incidence of a disease or condition comprising or arising from abnormal cell growth in a mammal, which method comprises administering to the mammal a combination according to the invention in an amount effective in inhibiting abnormal cell growth.
- A method for treating a disease or condition comprising or arising from abnormal cell growth in a
- 30 mammal, which method comprises administering to the mammal a combination according to the invention in an amount effective in inhibiting abnormal cell growth.
- A combination according to the invention for use in inhibiting tumour growth in a mammal.
- A method of inhibiting tumour growth in a mammal, which method comprises administering to the mammal an effective tumour growth-inhibiting amount of a combination according to the invention.

- A combination according to the invention for use in inhibiting the growth of tumour cells.
- A method of inhibiting the growth of tumour cells, which method comprises contacting the tumour cells with administering to the mammal an effective tumour cell growth-inhibiting amount of a combination according to the invention.
- 5 • A pharmaceutical composition comprising a combination according to the invention and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- A combination according to the invention for use in medicine.
- The use of a combination according to the invention, for the manufacture of a medicament for the prophylaxis or treatment of any one of the disease states or conditions disclosed herein.
- 10 • A method for the treatment or prophylaxis of any one of the disease states or conditions disclosed herein, which method comprises administering to a patient (e.g. a patient in need thereof) a combination according to the invention.
- A method for alleviating or reducing the incidence of a disease state or condition disclosed herein, which method comprises administering to a patient (e.g. a patient in need thereof) a combination
- 15 according to the invention.
- A method for the diagnosis and treatment of a cancer in a mammalian patient, which method comprises (i) screening a patient to determine whether a cancer from which the patient is or may be suffering is one which would be susceptible to treatment with a compound having activity against cyclin dependent kinases and two or more further anti-cancer agents; and (ii) where it is indicated that
- 20 the disease or condition from which the patient is thus susceptible, thereafter administering to the patient a combination according to the invention.
- The use of a combination according to the invention for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of a cancer in a patient who has been screened and has been determined as suffering from, or being at risk of suffering from, a cancer which would be susceptible to treatment with
- 25 a combination of a compound having activity against cyclin dependent kinase and two or more further anti-cancer agents.
- A method for treating a cancer in a patient comprising administration of a combination according to the invention to said patient in an amount and in a schedule of administration that is therapeutically efficacious in the treatment of said cancer.
- 30 • A method for preventing, treating or managing cancer in a patient in need thereof, said method comprising administering to said patient a prophylactically or therapeutically effective amount of a combination according to the invention.
- The use of a combination according to the invention for the manufacture of a medicament for use in the production of an anti-cancer effect in a warm-blooded animal such as a human.

- A kit comprising a combination according to the invention.
- A method for the treatment of a cancer in a warm-blooded animal such as a human, which comprises administering to said animal an effective amount of two or more further anti-cancer agents sequentially e.g. before or after, or simultaneously with an effective amount of a compound of the formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein.
- A pharmaceutical kit for anticancer therapy comprising a compound of the formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein in dosage form, and two or more further anti-cancer agents also in dosage form (e.g. wherein the dosage forms are packaged together in common outer packaging).
- A method of combination cancer therapy in a mammal comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein and a therapeutically effective amount of two or more further anti-cancer agents.
- A compound of the formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein for use in combination therapy with two or more further anti-cancer agents to alleviate or reduce the incidence of a disease or condition comprising or arising from abnormal cell growth in a mammal.
- A compound of the formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein for use in combination therapy with two or more further anti-cancer agents to inhibit tumour growth in a mammal.
- A compound of the formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein for use in combination therapy with two or more further anti-cancer agents to prevent, treat or manage cancer in a patient in need thereof.
- A compound of the formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein for use in enhancing or potentiating the response rate in a patient suffering from a cancer where the patient is being treated with two or more further anti-cancer agents.
- A method of enhancing or potentiating the response rate in a patient suffering from a cancer where the patient is being treated with two or more further anti-cancer agents, which method comprises administering to the patient, in combination with two or more further anti-cancer agents, a compound of the formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein.
- The use of a combination according to the invention for the manufacture of a medicament for any of the therapeutic uses as defined herein.

In each of the foregoing uses, methods and other aspects of the invention, as well as any aspects and embodiments of the invention as set out below, references to compounds of the formulae (O), (I^b), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein include within their scope the salts or solvates or tautomers or N-oxides of the compounds.

- 5 The invention also provides the further combinations, uses, methods, compounds and processes as set out in the claims below.

General Preferences and Definitions

As used herein, the term "modulation", as applied to the activity of cyclin dependent kinase (CDK) and glycogen synthase kinase (GSK, e.g. GSK-3), is intended to define a change in the level of biological activity of the
 10 kinase(s). Thus, modulation encompasses physiological changes which effect an increase or decrease in the relevant kinase activity. In the latter case, the modulation may be described as "inhibition". The modulation may arise directly or indirectly, and may be mediated by any mechanism and at any physiological level, including for example at the level of gene expression (including for example transcription, translation and/or post-translational modification), at the level of expression of genes encoding regulatory elements which act
 15 directly or indirectly on the levels of cyclin dependent kinase (CDK) and/or glycogen synthase kinase-3 (GSK-3) activity, or at the level of enzyme (e.g. cyclin dependent kinase (CDK) and/or glycogen synthase kinase-3 (GSK-3)) activity (for example by allosteric mechanisms, competitive inhibition, active-site inactivation, perturbation of feedback inhibitory pathways etc.). Thus, modulation may imply elevated/suppressed expression or over- or under-expression of the cyclin dependent kinase (CDK) and/or glycogen synthase
 20 kinase-3 (GSK-3), including gene amplification (i.e. multiple gene copies) and/or increased or decreased expression by a transcriptional effect, as well as hyper- (or hypo-)activity and (de)activation of the cyclin dependent kinase (CDK) and/or glycogen synthase kinase-3 (GSK-3) (including (de)activation) by mutation(s). The terms "modulated" and "modulate" are to be interpreted accordingly.

25 As used herein, the term "mediated", as used e.g. in conjunction with the cyclin dependent kinases (CDK) and/or glycogen synthase kinase-3 (GSK-3) as described herein (and applied for example to various physiological processes, diseases, states, conditions, therapies, treatments or interventions) is intended to operate limitatively so that the various processes, diseases, states, conditions, treatments and interventions to which the term is applied are those in which cyclin dependent kinase (CDK) and/or glycogen synthase kinase-3
 30 (GSK-3) plays a biological role. In cases where the term is applied to a disease, state or condition, the biological role played by cyclin dependent kinase (CDK) and/or glycogen synthase kinase-3 (GSK-3) may be direct or indirect and may be necessary and/or sufficient for the manifestation of the symptoms of the disease, state or condition (or its aetiology or progression). Thus, cyclin dependent kinase (CDK) and/or glycogen synthase kinase-3 (GSK-3) activity (and in particular aberrant levels of cyclin dependent kinase (CDK) and/or
 35 glycogen synthase kinase-3 (GSK-3) activity, e.g. cyclin dependent kinases (CDK) and/or glycogen synthase kinase-3 (GSK-3) over-expression) need not necessarily be the proximal cause of the disease, state or condition: rather, it is contemplated that the CDK- and/or GSK- (e.g. GSK-3-) mediated diseases, states or conditions include those having multifactorial aetiologies and complex progressions in which CDK and/or GSK-3 is only partially involved. In cases where the term is applied to treatment, prophylaxis or intervention (e.g. in
 40 the "CDK-mediated treatments" and "GSK-3-mediated prophylaxis" of the invention), the role played by CDK

and/or GSK-3 may be direct or indirect and may be necessary and/or sufficient for the operation of the treatment, prophylaxis or outcome of the intervention.

5 The term "intervention" is a term of art used herein to define any agency which effects a physiological change at any level. Thus, the intervention may comprises the induction or repression of any physiological process, event, biochemical pathway or cellular/biochemical event. The interventions of the invention typically effect (or contribute to) the therapy, treatment or prophylaxis of a disease or condition.

10 The combinations of the invention are combinations of two or more anti-cancer agents and a compound of the formulae (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof that produce a therapeutically efficacious effect.

15 The term 'efficacious' includes advantageous effects such as additivity, synergism, reduced side effects, reduced toxicity, increased time to disease progression, increased time of survival, sensitization or resensitization of one agent to another, or improved response rate. Advantageously, an efficacious effect may allow for lower doses of each or either component to be administered to a patient, thereby decreasing the toxicity of chemotherapy, whilst producing and/or maintaining the same therapeutic effect.

A "synergistic" effect in the present context refers to a therapeutic effect produced by the combination which is larger than the sum of the therapeutic effects of the components of the combination when presented individually.

20 An "additive" effect in the present context refers to a therapeutic effect produced by the combination which is larger than the therapeutic effect of any of the components of the combination when presented individually.

The term "response rate" as used herein refers, in the case of a solid tumour, to the extent of reduction in the size of the tumour at a given time point, for example 12 weeks. Thus, for example, a 50% response rate means a reduction in tumour size of 50%. References herein to a "clinical response" refer to response rates of 50% or greater. A "partial response" is defined herein as being a response rate of less than 50%.

25 As used herein, the term "combination", as applied to two or more compounds and/or agents (also referred to herein as the *components*), may define material in which the two or more compounds/agents are associated. The terms "combined" and "combining" in this context are to be interpreted accordingly.

30 The association of the two or more compounds/agents in a combination may be physical or non-physical. Examples of physically associated combined compounds/agents include:

- compositions (e.g. unitary formulations) comprising the two or more compounds/agents in admixture (for example within the same unit dose);
- compositions comprising material in which the two or more compounds/agents are
35 chemically/physicochemically linked (for example by crosslinking, molecular agglomeration or binding to a common vehicle moiety);
- compositions comprising material in which the two or more compounds/agents are chemically/physicochemically co-packaged (for example, disposed on or within lipid vesicles, particles (e.g. micro- or nanoparticles) or emulsion droplets);

- pharmaceutical kits, pharmaceutical packs or patient packs in which the two or more compounds/agents are co-packaged or co-presented (e.g. as part of an array of unit doses);

Examples of non-physically associated combined compounds/agents include:

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- material (e.g. a non-unitary formulation) comprising at least one of the two or more compounds/agents together with instructions for the extemporaneous association of the at least one compound to form a physical association of the two or more compounds/agents;
- material (e.g. a non-unitary formulation) comprising at least one of the two or more compounds/agents together with instructions for combination therapy with the two or more compounds/agents;
- material comprising at least one of the two or more compounds/agents together with instructions for administration to a patient population in which the other(s) of the two or more compounds/agents have been (or are being) administered;
- material comprising at least one of the two or more compounds/agents in an amount or in a form which is specifically adapted for use in combination with the other(s) of the two or more compounds/agents.

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The combinations of the invention comprise three or more components: (a) a compound of the formulae (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof; and (b) two or more further anti-cancer agents.

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As used herein, the term "combination therapy" is intended to define therapies which comprise the use of a combination of two or more compounds/agents (as defined above). Thus, references to "combination therapy", "combinations" and the use of compounds/agents "in combination" in this application may refer to compounds/agents that are administered as part of the same overall treatment regimen. As such, the posology of each of the two or more compounds/agents may differ: each may be administered at the same time or at different times. It will therefore be appreciated that the compounds/agents of the combination may be administered sequentially (e.g. before or after) or simultaneously, either in the same pharmaceutical formulation (i.e. together), or in different pharmaceutical formulations (i.e. separately). Simultaneously in the same formulation is as a unitary formulation whereas simultaneously in different pharmaceutical formulations is non-unitary. The posologies of each of the two or more compounds/agents in a combination therapy may also differ with respect to the route of administration.

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As used herein, the term "pharmaceutical kit" defines an array of one or more unit doses of a pharmaceutical composition together with dosing means (e.g. measuring device) and/or delivery means (e.g. inhaler or syringe), optionally all contained within common outer packaging. In pharmaceutical kits comprising a combination of two or more compounds/agents, the individual compounds/agents may unitary or non-unitary formulations. The unit dose(s) may be contained within a blister pack. The pharmaceutical kit may optionally further comprise instructions for use.

As used herein, the term "pharmaceutical pack" defines an array of one or more unit doses of a pharmaceutical composition, optionally contained within common outer packaging. In pharmaceutical packs comprising a combination of two or more compounds/agents, the individual compounds/agents may unitary or non-unitary

formulations. The unit dose(s) may be contained within a blister pack. The pharmaceutical pack may optionally further comprise instructions for use.

As used herein, the term "patient pack" defines a package, prescribed to a patient, which contains pharmaceutical compositions for the whole course of treatment. Patient packs usually contain one or more blister pack(s). Patient packs have an advantage over traditional prescriptions, where a pharmacist divides a patient's supply of a pharmaceutical from a bulk supply, in that the patient always has access to the package insert contained in the patient pack, normally missing in patient prescriptions. The inclusion of a package insert has been shown to improve patient compliance with the physician's instructions.

- 10 The combinations of the invention may produce a therapeutically efficacious effect relative to the therapeutic effect of the individual compounds/agents when administered separately.

The following general preferences and definitions shall apply to each of the moieties X, Y, R⁰, R¹ to R⁴ and any sub-definition, sub-group or embodiment thereof, unless the context indicates otherwise.

- 15 In this specification, references to formula (I) include formulae (0), (I⁰), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups, examples or embodiments of formulae (0), (I⁰), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) unless the context indicates otherwise.

- 20 Thus for example, references to *inter alia* therapeutic uses, pharmaceutical formulations and processes for making compounds, where they refer to formula (I), are also to be taken as referring to formulae (0), (I⁰), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups, examples or embodiments of formulae (0), (I⁰), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII).

Similarly, where preferences, embodiments and examples are given for compounds of the formula (I), they are also applicable to formulae (0), (I⁰), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups, examples or embodiments of formulae (0), (I⁰), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) unless the context requires otherwise.

- 25 References to "carbocyclic" and "heterocyclic" groups as used herein shall, unless the context indicates otherwise, include both aromatic and non-aromatic ring systems. Thus, for example, the term "carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups" includes within its scope aromatic, non-aromatic, unsaturated, partially saturated and fully saturated carbocyclic and heterocyclic ring systems. In general, such groups may be monocyclic or bicyclic and may contain, for example, 3 to 12 ring members, more usually 5 to 10 ring members. Examples of
30 monocyclic groups are groups containing 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 ring members, more usually 3 to 7, and preferably 5 or 6 ring members. Examples of bicyclic groups are those containing 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 ring members, and more usually 9 or 10 ring members.

- The carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups can be aryl or heteroaryl groups having from 5 to 12 ring members, more usually from 5 to 10 ring members. The term "aryl" as used herein refers to a carbocyclic group having
35 aromatic character and the term "heteroaryl" is used herein to denote a heterocyclic group having aromatic character. The terms "aryl" and "heteroaryl" embrace polycyclic (e.g. bicyclic) ring systems wherein one or more rings are non-aromatic, provided that at least one ring is aromatic. In such polycyclic systems, the group may be attached by the aromatic ring, or by a non-aromatic ring. The aryl or heteroaryl groups can be

monocyclic or bicyclic groups and can be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more substituents, for example one or more groups R¹⁰ as defined herein.

The term "non-aromatic group" embraces unsaturated ring systems without aromatic character, partially saturated and fully saturated carbocyclic and heterocyclic ring systems. The terms "unsaturated" and "partially saturated" refer to rings wherein the ring structure(s) contains atoms sharing more than one valence bond i.e. the ring contains at least one multiple bond e.g. a C=C, C≡C or N=C bond. The term "fully saturated" refers to rings where there are no multiple bonds between ring atoms. Saturated carbocyclic groups include cycloalkyl groups as defined below. Partially saturated carbocyclic groups include cycloalkenyl groups as defined below, for example cyclopentenyl, cycloheptenyl and cyclooctenyl. A further example of a cycloalkenyl group is cyclohexenyl.

Examples of heteroaryl groups are monocyclic and bicyclic groups containing from five to twelve ring members, and more usually from five to ten ring members. The heteroaryl group can be, for example, a five membered or six membered monocyclic ring or a bicyclic structure formed from fused five and six membered rings or two fused six membered rings or, by way of a further example, two fused five membered rings. Each ring may contain up to about four heteroatoms typically selected from nitrogen, sulphur and oxygen. Typically the heteroaryl ring will contain up to 4 heteroatoms, more typically up to 3 heteroatoms, more usually up to 2, for example a single heteroatom. In one embodiment, the heteroaryl ring contains at least one ring nitrogen atom. The nitrogen atoms in the heteroaryl rings can be basic, as in the case of an imidazole or pyridine, or essentially non-basic as in the case of an indole or pyrrole nitrogen. In general the number of basic nitrogen atoms present in the heteroaryl group, including any amino group substituents of the ring, will be less than five.

Examples of five membered heteroaryl groups include but are not limited to pyrrole, furan, thiophene, imidazole, furazan, oxazole, oxadiazole, oxatriazole, isoxazole, thiazole, isothiazole, pyrazole, triazole and tetrazole groups.

Examples of six membered heteroaryl groups include but are not limited to pyridine, pyrazine, pyridazine, pyrimidine and triazine.

A bicyclic heteroaryl group may be, for example, a group selected from:

- a) a benzene ring fused to a 5- or 6-membered ring containing 1, 2 or 3 ring heteroatoms;
- b) a pyridine ring fused to a 5- or 6-membered ring containing 1, 2 or 3 ring heteroatoms;
- c) a pyrimidine ring fused to a 5- or 6-membered ring containing 1 or 2 ring heteroatoms;
- d) a pyrrole ring fused to a 5- or 6-membered ring containing 1, 2 or 3 ring heteroatoms;
- e) a pyrazole ring fused to a 5- or 6-membered ring containing 1 or 2 ring heteroatoms;
- f) an imidazole ring fused to a 5- or 6-membered ring containing 1 or 2 ring heteroatoms;
- g) an oxazole ring fused to a 5- or 6-membered ring containing 1 or 2 ring heteroatoms;
- h) an isoxazole ring fused to a 5- or 6-membered ring containing 1 or 2 ring heteroatoms;
- i) a thiazole ring fused to a 5- or 6-membered ring containing 1 or 2 ring heteroatoms;
- j) an isothiazole ring fused to a 5- or 6-membered ring containing 1 or 2 ring heteroatoms;

- k) a thiophene ring fused to a 5- or 6-membered ring containing 1, 2 or 3 ring heteroatoms;
- l) a furan ring fused to a 5- or 6-membered ring containing 1, 2 or 3 ring heteroatoms;
- m) an oxazole ring fused to a 5- or 6-membered ring containing 1 or 2 ring heteroatoms;
- n) an isoxazole ring fused to a 5- or 6-membered ring containing 1 or 2 ring heteroatoms;
- 5 o) a cyclohexyl ring fused to a 5- or 6-membered ring containing 1, 2 or 3 ring heteroatoms; and
- p) a cyclopentyl ring fused to a 5- or 6-membered ring containing 1, 2 or 3 ring heteroatoms.

Particular examples of bicyclic heteroaryl groups containing a five membered ring fused to another five membered ring include but are not limited to imidazothiazole (e.g. imidazo[2,1-b]thiazole) and imidazoimidazole (e.g. imidazo[1,2-a]imidazole).

- 10 Particular examples of bicyclic heteroaryl groups containing a six membered ring fused to a five membered ring include but are not limited to benzofuran, benzthiophene, benzimidazole, benzoxazole, isobenzoxazole, benzisoxazole, benzthiazole, benzisothiazole, isobenzofuran, indole, isoindole, indolizine, indoline, isoindoline, purine (e.g., adenine, guanine), indazole, pyrazolopyrimidine (e.g. pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine), triazolopyrimidine (e.g. [1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine), benzodioxole and pyrazolopyridine (e.g. pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine) groups.
- 15 Particular examples of bicyclic heteroaryl groups containing two fused six membered rings include but are not limited to quinoline, isoquinoline, chroman, thiochroman, chromene, isochromene, chroman, isochroman, benzodioxan, quinolizine, benzoxazine, benzodiazine, pyridopyridine, quinoxaline, quinazoline, cinnoline, phthalazine, naphthyridine and pteridine groups.

- One sub-group of heteroaryl groups comprises pyridyl, pyrrolyl, furanyl, thienyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl,
- 20 oxadiazolyl, oxatriazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, triazinyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, benzfuranyl, benzthienyl, chromanyl, thiochromanyl, benzimidazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzisoxazole, benzthiazolyl and benzisothiazole, isobenzofuranyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, indoliziny, indolinyl, isoindolinyl, purinyl (e.g., adenine, guanine), indazolyl, benzodioxolyl, chromenyl, isochromenyl, isochromanyl, benzodioxanyl, quinoliziny, benzoxazinyl, benzodiazinyl, pyridopyridinyl, quinoxalinyl,
 - 25 quinazolinyl, cinnoliny, phthalazinyl, naphthyridinyl and pteridinyl groups.

Examples of polycyclic aryl and heteroaryl groups containing an aromatic ring and a non-aromatic ring include tetrahydronaphthalene, tetrahydroisoquinoline, tetrahydroquinoline, dihydrobenzthiene, dihydrobenzofuran, 2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxine, benzo[1,3]dioxole, 4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran, indoline and indane groups.

Examples of carbocyclic aryl groups include phenyl, naphthyl, indenyl, and tetrahydronaphthyl groups.

- 30 Examples of non-aromatic heterocyclic groups include unsubstituted or substituted (by one or more groups R¹⁰) heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, typically 4 to 12 ring members, and more usually from 5 to 10 ring members. Such groups can be monocyclic or bicyclic, for example, and typically have from 1 to 5 heteroatom ring members (more usually 1,2,3 or 4 heteroatom ring members) typically selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur.
- 35 When sulphur is present, it may, where the nature of the adjacent atoms and groups permits, exist as -S-, -S(O)- or -S(O)₂-.

The heterocyclic groups can contain, for example, cyclic ether moieties (e.g. as in tetrahydrofuran and dioxane), cyclic thioether moieties (e.g. as in tetrahydrothiophene and dithiane), cyclic amine moieties (e.g. as in pyrrolidine), cyclic amide moieties (e.g. as in pyrrolidone), cyclic thioamides, cyclic thioesters, cyclic ester moieties (e.g. as in butyrolactone), cyclic sulphones (e.g. as in sulfolane and sulfolene), cyclic sulfoxides, 5 cyclic sulphonamides and combinations thereof (e.g. morpholine and thiomorpholine and its S-oxide and S,S-dioxide). Further examples of heterocyclic groups are those containing a cyclic urea moiety (e.g. as in imidazolidin-2-one),

In one sub-set of heterocyclic groups, the heterocyclic groups contain cyclic ether moieties (e.g. as in tetrahydrofuran and dioxane), cyclic thioether moieties (e.g. as in tetrahydrothiophene and dithiane), cyclic 10 amine moieties (e.g. as in pyrrolidine), cyclic sulphones (e.g. as in sulfolane and sulfolene), cyclic sulfoxides, cyclic sulphonamides and combinations thereof (e.g. thiomorpholine).

Examples of monocyclic non-aromatic heterocyclic groups include 5-, 6- and 7-membered monocyclic heterocyclic groups. Particular examples include morpholine, piperidine (e.g. 1-piperidinyl, 2-piperidinyl, 3-piperidinyl and 4-piperidinyl), pyrrolidine (e.g. 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-pyrrolidinyl and 3-pyrrolidinyl), pyrrolidone, pyran 15 (2H-pyran or 4H-pyran), dihydrothiophene, dihydropyran, dihydrofuran, dihydrothiazole, tetrahydrofuran, tetrahydrothiophene, dioxane, tetrahydropyran (e.g. 4-tetrahydro pyranyl), imidazoline, imidazolidinone, oxazoline, thiazoline, 2-pyrazoline, pyrazolidine, piperazine, and N-alkyl piperazines such as N-methyl piperazine. Further examples include thiomorpholine and its S-oxide and S,S-dioxide (particularly thiomorpholine). Still further examples include azetidine, piperidone, piperazone, and N-alkyl piperidines such 20 as N-methyl piperidine.

One preferred sub-set of non-aromatic heterocyclic groups consists of saturated groups such as azetidine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, thiomorpholine S,S-dioxide, piperazine, N-alkyl piperazines, and N-alkyl piperidines.

Another sub-set of non-aromatic heterocyclic groups consists of pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, 25 thiomorpholine, thiomorpholine S,S-dioxide, piperazine and N-alkyl piperazines such as N-methyl piperazine.

One particular sub-set of heterocyclic groups consists of pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine and N-alkyl piperazines (e.g. N-methyl piperazine), and optionally thiomorpholine.

Examples of non-aromatic carbocyclic groups include cycloalkane groups such as cyclohexyl and cyclopentyl, cycloalkenyl groups such as cyclopentenyl, cyclohexenyl, cycloheptenyl and cyclooctenyl, as well as 30 cyclohexadienyl, cyclooctatetraene, tetrahydronaphthenyl and decalyl.

Preferred non-aromatic carbocyclic groups are monocyclic rings and most preferably saturated monocyclic rings.

Typical examples are three, four, five and six membered saturated carbocyclic rings, e.g. optionally substituted cyclopentyl and cyclohexyl rings.

35 One sub-set of non-aromatic carbocyclic groups includes unsubstituted or substituted (by one or more groups R¹⁰) monocyclic groups and particularly saturated monocyclic groups, e.g. cycloalkyl groups. Examples of such

cycloalkyl groups include cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and cycloheptyl; more typically cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl and cyclohexyl, particularly cyclohexyl.

Further examples of non-aromatic cyclic groups include bridged ring systems such as bicycloalkanes and azabicycloalkanes although such bridged ring systems are generally less preferred. By "bridged ring systems" is meant ring systems in which two rings share more than two atoms, see for example *Advanced Organic Chemistry*, by Jerry March, 4th Edition, Wiley Interscience, pages 131-133, 1992. Examples of bridged ring systems include bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane, aza-bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane, bicyclo[2.2.2]octane, aza-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane, bicyclo[3.2.1]octane and aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]octane. A particular example of a bridged ring system is the 1-aza-bicyclo[2.2.2]octan-3-yl group.

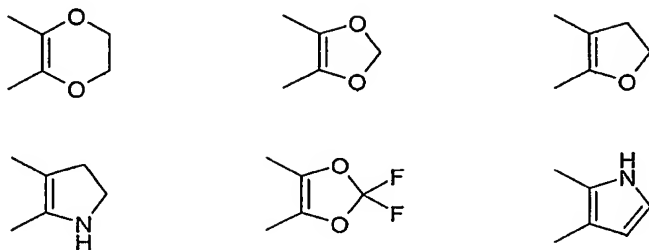
- Where reference is made herein to carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups, the carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring can, unless the context indicates otherwise, be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituent groups R^{10} selected from halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, carboxy, amino, mono- or di- C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$, $X^1C(X^2)X^1$, S, SO, SO_2 , NR^c , SO_2NR^c or NR^cSO_2 ; and R^b is selected from hydrogen, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, carboxy, amino, mono- or di- C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2 , NR^c , $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$;
- R^c is selected from hydrogen and C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl; and
 X^1 is O, S or NR^c and X^2 is =O, =S or = NR^c .

- Where the substituent group R^{10} comprises or includes a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group, the said carbocyclic or heterocyclic group may be unsubstituted or may itself be substituted with one or more further substituent groups R^{10} . In one sub-group of compounds of the formula (I), such further substituent groups R^{10} may include carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups, which are typically not themselves further substituted. In another sub-group of compounds of the formula (I), the said further substituents do not include carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups but are otherwise selected from the groups listed above in the definition of R^{10} .

- The substituents R^{10} may be selected such that they contain no more than 20 non-hydrogen atoms, for example, no more than 15 non-hydrogen atoms, e.g. no more than 12, or 11, or 10, or 9, or 8, or 7, or 6, or 5 non-hydrogen atoms.

- Where the carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups have a pair of substituents on adjacent ring atoms, the two substituents may be linked so as to form a cyclic group. Thus, two adjacent groups R^{10} , together with the carbon atoms or heteroatoms to which they are attached may form a 5-membered heteroaryl ring or a 5- or 6-membered non-aromatic carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, wherein the said heteroaryl and heterocyclic groups contain up to 3 heteroatom ring members selected from N, O and S. For example, an adjacent pair of substituents on adjacent carbon atoms of a ring may be linked via one or more heteroatoms and optionally substituted alkylene groups to form a fused oxa-, dioxo-, aza-, diaza- or oxa-aza-cycloalkyl group.

Examples of such linked substituent groups include:



Examples of halogen substituents include fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine. Fluorine and chlorine are particularly preferred.

In the definition of the compounds of the formula (I) above and as used hereinafter, the term "hydrocarbyl" is a generic term encompassing aliphatic, alicyclic and aromatic groups having an all-carbon backbone and consisting of carbon and hydrogen atoms, except where otherwise stated.

In certain cases, as defined herein, one or more of the carbon atoms making up the carbon backbone may be replaced by a specified atom or group of atoms.

Examples of hydrocarbyl groups include alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, carbocyclic aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkenylalkyl, and carbocyclic aralkyl, aralkenyl and aralkynyl groups. Such groups can be unsubstituted or, where stated, substituted by one or more substituents as defined herein. The examples and preferences expressed below apply to each of the hydrocarbyl substituent groups or hydrocarbyl-containing substituent groups referred to in the various definitions of substituents for compounds of the formula (I) unless the context indicates otherwise.

Preferred non-aromatic hydrocarbyl groups are saturated groups such as alkyl and cycloalkyl groups.

Generally by way of example, the hydrocarbyl groups can have up to eight carbon atoms, unless the context requires otherwise. Within the sub-set of hydrocarbyl groups having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, particular examples are C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl groups, such as C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl groups (e.g. C_{1-3} hydrocarbyl groups or C_{1-2} hydrocarbyl groups), specific examples being any individual value or combination of values selected from C_1 , C_2 , C_3 , C_4 , C_5 , C_6 , C_7 and C_8 hydrocarbyl groups.

The term "alkyl" covers both straight chain and branched chain alkyl groups. Examples of alkyl groups include methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, n-pentyl, 2-pentyl, 3-pentyl, 2-methyl butyl, 3-methyl butyl, and n-hexyl and its isomers. Within the sub-set of alkyl groups having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, particular examples are C_{1-8} alkyl groups, such as C_{1-4} alkyl groups (e.g. C_{1-3} alkyl groups or C_{1-2} alkyl groups).

Examples of cycloalkyl groups are those derived from cyclopropane, cyclobutane, cyclopentane, cyclohexane and cycloheptane. Within the sub-set of cycloalkyl groups the cycloalkyl group will have from 3 to 8 carbon atoms, particular examples being C_{3-8} cycloalkyl groups.

Examples of alkenyl groups include, but are not limited to, ethenyl (vinyl), 1-propenyl, 2-propenyl (allyl), isopropenyl, butenyl, buta-1,4-dienyl, pentenyl, and hexenyl. Within the sub-set of alkenyl groups the alkenyl

group will have 2 to 8 carbon atoms, particular examples being C₂₋₆ alkenyl groups, such as C₂₋₄ alkenyl groups.

5 Examples of cycloalkenyl groups include, but are not limited to, cyclopropenyl, cyclobutenyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclopentadienyl and cyclohexenyl. Within the sub-set of cycloalkenyl groups the cycloalkenyl groups have from 3 to 8 carbon atoms, and particular examples are C₃₋₆ cycloalkenyl groups.

Examples of alkynyl groups include, but are not limited to, ethynyl and 2-propynyl (propargyl) groups. Within the sub-set of alkynyl groups having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, particular examples are C₂₋₆ alkynyl groups, such as C₂₋₄ alkynyl groups.

Examples of carbocyclic aryl groups include substituted and unsubstituted phenyl groups.

10 Examples of cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkenylalkyl, carbocyclic aralkyl, aralkenyl and aralkynyl groups include phenethyl, benzyl, styryl, phenylethynyl, cyclohexylmethyl, cyclopentylmethyl, cyclobutylmethyl, cyclopropylmethyl and cyclopentenylmethyl groups.

When present, and where stated, a hydrocarbyl group can be optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, alkoxy, carboxy, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C₁₋₄ hydrocarbylamino, and monocyclic or bicyclic carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 (typically 3 to 10 and more usually 5 to 10) ring members. Preferred substituents include halogen such as fluorine. Thus, for example, the substituted hydrocarbyl group can be a partially fluorinated or perfluorinated group such as difluoromethyl or trifluoromethyl. In one embodiment preferred substituents include monocyclic carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having 3-7 ring members, more usually 3, 4, 5 or 6 ring members.

20 Where stated, one or more carbon atoms of a hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO₂, NR^c, X¹C(X²), C(X²)X¹ or X¹C(X²)X¹ (or a sub-group thereof) wherein X¹ and X² are as hereinbefore defined, provided that at least one carbon atom of the hydrocarbyl group remains. For example, 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms of the hydrocarbyl group may be replaced by one of the atoms or groups listed, and the replacing atoms or groups may be the same or different. In general, the number of linear or backbone carbon atoms replaced will correspond to the number of linear or backbone atoms in the group replacing them. Examples of groups in which one or more carbon atom of the hydrocarbyl group have been replaced by a replacement atom or group as defined above include ethers and thioethers (C replaced by O or S), amides, esters, thioamides and thioesters (C-C replaced by X¹C(X²) or C(X²)X¹), sulphones and sulfoxides (C replaced by SO or SO₂), amines (C replaced by NR^c). Further examples include ureas, carbonates and carbamates (C-C-C replaced by X¹C(X²)X¹).

Where an amino group has two hydrocarbyl substituents, they may, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, and optionally with another heteroatom such as nitrogen, sulphur, or oxygen, link to form a ring structure of 4 to 7 ring members, more usually 5 to 6 ring members.

35 The term "aza-cycloalkyl" as used herein refers to a cycloalkyl group in which one of the carbon ring members has been replaced by a nitrogen atom. Thus examples of aza-cycloalkyl groups include piperidine and pyrrolidine. The term "oxa-cycloalkyl" as used herein refers to a cycloalkyl group in which one of the carbon ring members has been replaced by an oxygen atom. Thus examples of oxa-cycloalkyl groups include

tetrahydrofuran and tetrahydropyran. In an analogous manner, the terms "diazacycloalkyl", "dioxacycloalkyl" and "aza-oxa-cycloalkyl" refer respectively to cycloalkyl groups in which two carbon ring members have been replaced by two nitrogen atoms, or by two oxygen atoms, or by one nitrogen atom and one oxygen atom.

The definition "R^a-R^b" as used herein, either with regard to substituents present on a carbocyclic or heterocyclic moiety, or with regard to other substituents present at other locations on the compounds of the formula (I), includes *inter alia* compounds wherein R^a is selected from a bond, O, CO, OC(O), SC(O), NR^cC(O), OC(S), SC(S), NR^cC(S), OC(NR^c), SC(NR^c), NR^cC(NR^c), C(O)O, C(O)S, C(O)NR^c, C(S)O, C(S)S, C(S)NR^c, C(NR^c)O, C(NR^c)S, C(NR^c)NR^c, OC(O)O, SC(O)O, NR^cC(O)O, OC(S)O, SC(S)O, NR^cC(S)O, OC(NR^c)O, SC(NR^c)O, NR^cC(NR^c)O, OC(O)S, SC(O)S, NR^cC(O)S, OC(S)S, SC(S)S, NR^cC(S)S, OC(NR^c)S, SC(NR^c)S, NR^cC(NR^c)S, OC(O)NR^c, SC(O)NR^c, NR^cC(O)NR^c, OC(S)NR^c, SC(S)NR^c, NR^cC(S)NR^c, OC(NR^c)NR^c, SC(NR^c)NR^c, NR^cC(NR^c)NR^c, S, SO, SO₂, NR^c, SO₂NR^c and NR^cSO₂ wherein R^c is as hereinbefore defined.

The moiety R^b can be hydrogen or it can be a group selected from carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members (typically 3 to 10 and more usually from 5 to 10), and a C₁₋₈ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted as hereinbefore defined. Examples of hydrocarbyl, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups are as set out above.

When R^a is O and R^b is a C₁₋₈ hydrocarbyl group, R^a and R^b together form a hydrocarbyloxy group. Preferred hydrocarbyloxy groups include saturated hydrocarbyloxy such as alkoxy (e.g. C₁₋₆ alkoxy, more usually C₁₋₄ alkoxy such as ethoxy and methoxy, particularly methoxy), cycloalkoxy (e.g. C₃₋₆ cycloalkoxy such as cyclopropyloxy, cyclobutyloxy, cyclopentyloxy and cyclohexyloxy) and cycloalkyloxy (e.g. C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl-C₁₋₂ alkoxy such as cyclopropylmethoxy).

The hydrocarbyloxy groups can be substituted by various substituents as defined herein. For example, the alkoxy groups can be substituted by halogen (e.g. as in difluoromethoxy and trifluoromethoxy), hydroxy (e.g. as in hydroxyethoxy), C₁₋₂ alkoxy (e.g. as in methoxyethoxy), hydroxy-C₁₋₂ alkyl (as in hydroxyethoxyethoxy) or a cyclic group (e.g. a cycloalkyl group or non-aromatic heterocyclic group as hereinbefore defined). Examples of alkoxy groups bearing a non-aromatic heterocyclic group as a substituent are those in which the heterocyclic group is a saturated cyclic amine such as morpholine, piperidine, pyrrolidine, piperazine, C₁₋₄-alkyl-piperazines, C₃₋₇-cycloalkyl-piperazines, tetrahydropyran or tetrahydrofuran and the alkoxy group is a C₁₋₄ alkoxy group, more typically a C₁₋₃ alkoxy group such as methoxy, ethoxy or n-propoxy.

Alkoxy groups substituted by a monocyclic group such as pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine and piperazine and N-substituted derivatives thereof such as N-benzyl, N-C₁₋₄ acyl and N-C₁₋₄ alkoxycarbonyl. Particular examples include pyrrolidinoethoxy, piperidinoethoxy and piperazinoethoxy.

When R^a is a bond and R^b is a C₁₋₈ hydrocarbyl group, examples of hydrocarbyl groups R^a-R^b are as hereinbefore defined. The hydrocarbyl groups may be saturated groups such as cycloalkyl and alkyl and particular examples of such groups include methyl, ethyl and cyclopropyl. The hydrocarbyl (e.g. alkyl) groups can be substituted by various groups and atoms as defined herein. Examples of substituted alkyl groups include alkyl groups substituted by one or more halogen atoms such as fluorine and chlorine (particular examples including bromoethyl, chloroethyl and trifluoromethyl), or hydroxy (e.g. hydroxymethyl and hydroxyethyl), C₁₋₈ acyloxy (e.g. acetoxymethyl and benzyloxymethyl), amino and mono- and dialkylamino (e.g. aminoethyl, methylaminoethyl, dimethylaminomethyl, dimethylaminoethyl and *tert*-butylaminomethyl), alkoxy

(e.g. C₁₋₂ alkoxy such as methoxy – as in methoxyethyl), and cyclic groups such as cycloalkyl groups, aryl groups, heteroaryl groups and non-aromatic heterocyclic groups as hereinbefore defined).

Particular examples of alkyl groups substituted by a cyclic group are those wherein the cyclic group is a saturated cyclic amine such as morpholine, piperidine, pyrrolidine, piperazine, C₁₋₄-alkyl-piperazines, C₃₋₇-cycloalkyl-piperazines, tetrahydropyran or tetrahydrofuran and the alkyl group is a C₁₋₄ alkyl group, more typically a C₁₋₃ alkyl group such as methyl, ethyl or n-propyl. Specific examples of alkyl groups substituted by a cyclic group include pyrrolidinomethyl, pyrrolidinopropyl, morpholinomethyl, morpholinoethyl, morpholinopropyl, piperidinylmethyl, piperazinomethyl and N-substituted forms thereof as defined herein.

Particular examples of alkyl groups substituted by aryl groups and heteroaryl groups include benzyl and pyridylmethyl groups.

When R^a is SO₂NR^c, R^b can be, for example, hydrogen or an optionally substituted C₁₋₈ hydrocarbyl group, or a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group. Examples of R^a-R^b where R^a is SO₂NR^c include aminosulphonyl, C₁₋₄ alkylaminosulphonyl and di-C₁₋₄ alkylaminosulphonyl groups, and sulphonamides formed from a cyclic amino group such as piperidine, morpholine, pyrrolidine, or an optionally N-substituted piperazine such as N-methyl piperazine.

Examples of groups R^a-R^b where R^a is SO₂ include alkylsulphonyl, heteroarylsulphonyl and arylsulphonyl groups, particularly monocyclic aryl and heteroaryl sulphonyl groups. Particular examples include methylsulphonyl, phenylsulphonyl and toluenesulphonyl.

When R^a is NR^c, R^b can be, for example, hydrogen or an optionally substituted C₁₋₈ hydrocarbyl group, or a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group. Examples of R^a-R^b where R^a is NR^c include amino, C₁₋₄ alkylamino (e.g. methylamino, ethylamino, propylamino, isopropylamino, *tert*-butylamino), di-C₁₋₄ alkylamino (e.g. dimethylamino and diethylamino) and cycloalkylamino (e.g. cyclopropylamino, cyclopentylamino and cyclohexylamino).

Specific Embodiments of and Preferences for Moieties X, Y, A, R^a, R¹ to R⁴ and R¹⁰

X

In formula (I), X is a group R¹-A-NR⁴ or a 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring.

In one embodiment, X is a group R¹-A-NR⁴.

In another embodiment, X is a 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring.

A

In formula (I), A is a bond, C=O, NR⁹(C=O) or O(C=O). It will be appreciated that the moiety R¹-A-NR⁴ linked to the 4-position of the pyrazole ring can therefore take the form of an amine R¹-NR⁴, an amide R¹-C(=O)NR⁴, a urea R¹-NR⁹C(=O)NR⁴ or a carbamate R¹-OC(=O)NR⁴.

In one preferred group of compounds of the invention, A is C=O and hence the group R¹-A-NR⁴ takes the form of an amide R¹-C(=O)NR⁴. In another group of compounds of the invention, A is a bond and hence the group R¹-A-NR⁴ takes the form of an amine R¹-NR⁴.

R⁴

R⁴ is hydrogen or a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy).

5 The number of optional substituents on the hydrocarbyl group typically will vary according to the nature of the substituent. For example, where the substituent is halogen, there may be from one to three halogen atoms present, preferably two or three. Where the substituent is hydroxyl or an alkoxy group, typically there will be only a single such substituent present

R⁴ is preferably hydrogen or C₁₋₃ alkyl, more preferably hydrogen or methyl and most preferably is hydrogen.

R⁹

10 R⁹ is hydrogen or a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy).

When R⁹ is C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl substituted by hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy, typically there is only one such substituent present.

Preferably R⁹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₃ alkyl, more preferably hydrogen or methyl and most preferably R⁹ is hydrogen.

15 R²

R² is hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, or a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy.

When R² is halogen, preferably it is selected from chlorine and fluorine and more preferably it is fluorine.

20 When R² is C₁₋₄ alkoxy, it can be, for example, C₁₋₃ alkoxy, more preferably C₁₋₂ alkoxy and most preferably methoxy.

When R² is an optionally substituted C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group, the hydrocarbyl group is preferably a C₁₋₃ hydrocarbyl group, more preferably a C₁₋₂ hydrocarbyl group, for example an optionally substituted methyl group. The optional substituents for the optionally substituted hydrocarbyl group are preferably selected from fluorine, hydroxyl and methoxy.

25 The number of optional substituents on the hydrocarbyl group typically will vary according to the nature of the substituent. For example, where the substituent is halogen, there may be from one to three halogen atoms present, preferably two or three. Where the substituent is hydroxyl or methoxy, typically there will be only a single such substituent present.

30 The hydrocarbyl groups constituting R² are preferably saturated hydrocarbyl groups. Examples of saturated hydrocarbyl groups include methyl, ethyl, *n*-propyl, *i*-propyl and cyclopropyl.

In one embodiment, R² is hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, or a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy.

In another embodiment, R^2 is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methoxy, or a C_{1-3} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by fluorine, hydroxyl or methoxy.

In a preferred embodiment, R^2 is hydrogen or methyl, most preferably hydrogen.

R^1

- 5 R^1 is hydrogen, a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group having from 3 to 12 ring members, or a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxy, C_{1-4} hydrocarbyloxy, amino, mono- or di- C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, and carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and wherein 1 or 2 of the carbon atoms of the hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by an atom or group selected from O, S, NH, SO, SO_2 . Examples of carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups and hydrocarbyl groups and general preferences for such groups are as set out above in the General Preferences and Definitions section, and as set out below.

In one embodiment, R^1 is an aryl or heteroaryl group.

- When R^1 is a heteroaryl group, particular heteroaryl groups include monocyclic heteroaryl groups containing up to three heteroatom ring members selected from O, S and N, and bicyclic heteroaryl groups containing up to 2 heteroatom ring members selected from O, S and N and wherein both rings are aromatic.

- Examples of such groups include furanyl (e.g. 2-furanyl or 3-furanyl), indolyl (e.g. 3-indolyl, 6-indolyl), 2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxinyl (e.g. 2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-5-yl), pyrazolyl (e.g. pyrazole-5-yl), pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridinyl (e.g. pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine-3-yl), oxazolyl (e.g.), isoxazolyl (e.g. isoxazol-4-yl), pyridyl (e.g. 2-pyridyl, 3-pyridyl, 4-pyridyl), quinolinyl (e.g. 2-quinolinyl), pyrrolyl (e.g. 3-pyrrolyl), imidazolyl and thienyl (e.g. 2-thienyl, 3-thienyl).

One sub-group of heteroaryl groups R^1 consists of furanyl (e.g. 2-furanyl or 3-furanyl), indolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyridyl, quinolinyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl and thienyl.

A preferred sub-set of R^1 heteroaryl groups includes 2-furanyl, 3-furanyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl and thienyl.

Preferred aryl groups R^1 are phenyl groups.

- 25 The group R^1 can be an unsubstituted or substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic group in which one or more substituents can be selected from the group R^{10} as hereinbefore defined. In one embodiment, the substituents on R^1 may be selected from the group R^{10a} consisting of halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, carboxy, a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, $X^3C(X^4)$, $C(X^4)X^3$, $X^3C(X^4)X^3$, S, SO, or SO_2 , and R^b is selected from hydrogen and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, carboxy and monocyclic non-aromatic carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 6 ring members; wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2 , $X^3C(X^4)$, $C(X^4)X^3$ or $X^3C(X^4)X^3$; X^3 is O or S; and X^4 is =O or =S.

- Where the carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups have a pair of substituents on adjacent ring atoms, the two substituents may be linked so as to form a cyclic group. Thus, two adjacent groups R^{10} , together with the

carbon atoms or heteroatoms to which they are attached may form a 5-membered heteroaryl ring or a 5- or 6-membered non-aromatic carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, wherein the said heteroaryl and heterocyclic groups contain up to 3 heteroatom ring members selected from N, O and S. In particular the two adjacent groups R¹⁰, together with the carbon atoms or heteroatoms to which they are attached, may form a 6-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic ring, containing up to 3, in particular 2, heteroatom ring members selected from N, O and S. More particularly the two adjacent groups R¹⁰ may form a 6-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic ring, containing 2 heteroatom ring members selected from N, or O, such as dioxan e.g. [1,4 dioxan]. In one embodiment R¹ is a carbocyclic group e.g. phenyl having a pair of substituents on adjacent ring atoms linked so as to form a cyclic group e.g. to form 2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxine.

- 10 More particularly, the substituents on R¹ may be selected from halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond or O, and R^b is selected from hydrogen and a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxyl, halogen (preferably fluorine) and 5 and 6 membered saturated carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups (for example groups containing up to two heteroatoms selected from O, S and N, such as unsubstituted piperidine, pyrrolidino, morpholino, piperazino and N-methyl piperazino).

The group R¹ may be substituted by more than one substituent. Thus, for example, there may be 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 substituents. In one embodiment, where R¹ is a six membered ring (e.g. a carbocyclic ring such as a phenyl ring), there may be one, two or three substituents and these may be located at the 2-, 3-, 4- or 6-positions around the ring. By way of example, a phenyl group R¹ may be 2-monosubstituted, 3-monosubstituted, 2,6-disubstituted, 2,3-disubstituted, 2,4-disubstituted 2,5-disubstituted, 2,3,6-trisubstituted or 2,4,6-trisubstituted. More particularly, a phenyl group R¹ may be monosubstituted at the 2-position or disubstituted at positions 2- and 6- with substituents selected from fluorine, chlorine and R^a-R^b, where R^a is O and R^b is C₁₋₄ alkyl (e.g. methyl or ethyl). In one embodiment, fluorine is a preferred substituent. In another embodiment, preferred substituents are selected from fluorine, chlorine and methoxy.

- 25 Particular examples of non-aromatic groups R¹ include unsubstituted or substituted (by one or more groups R¹⁰) monocyclic cycloalkyl groups. Examples of such cycloalkyl groups include cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and cycloheptyl; more typically cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl and cyclohexyl, particularly cyclohexyl.

Further examples of non-aromatic groups R¹ include unsubstituted or substituted (by one or more groups R¹⁰) heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, typically 4 to 12 ring members, and more usually from 5 to 10 ring members. Such groups can be monocyclic or bicyclic, for example, and typically have from 1 to 5 heteroatom ring members (more usually 1,2,3 or 4 heteroatom ring members) typically selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur.

When sulphur is present, it may, where the nature of the adjacent atoms and groups permits, exist as -S-, -S(O)- or -S(O)₂-.

The heterocyclic groups can contain, for example, cyclic ether moieties (e.g. as in tetrahydrofuran and dioxane), cyclic thioether moieties (e.g. as in tetrahydrothiophene and dithiane), cyclic amine moieties (e.g. as in pyrrolidine), cyclic amides (e.g. as in pyrrolidone), cyclic esters (e.g. as in butyrolactone), cyclic thioamides and

thioesters, cyclic sulphones (e.g. as in sulfolane and sulfolene), cyclic sulfoxides, cyclic sulphonamides and combinations thereof (e.g. morpholine and thiomorpholine and its S-oxide and S,S-dioxide).

- 5 In one sub-set of heterocyclic groups R^1 , the heterocyclic groups contain cyclic ether moieties (e.g. as in tetrahydrofuran and dioxane), cyclic thioether moieties (e.g. as in tetrahydrothiophene and dithiane), cyclic amine moieties (e.g. as in pyrrolidine), cyclic sulphones (e.g. as in sulfolane and sulfolene), cyclic sulfoxides, cyclic sulphonamides and combinations thereof (e.g. thiomorpholine).

- 10 Examples of monocyclic non-aromatic heterocyclic groups R^1 include 5-, 6- and 7-membered monocyclic heterocyclic groups such as morpholine, piperidine (e.g. 1-piperidinyl, 2-piperidinyl 3-piperidinyl and 4-piperidinyl), pyrrolidine (e.g. 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-pyrrolidinyl and 3-pyrrolidinyl), pyrrolidone, pyran (2H-pyran or 4H-pyran), dihydrothiophene, dihydropyran, dihydrofuran, dihydrothiazole, tetrahydrofuran, tetrahydrothiophene, dioxane, tetrahydropyran (e.g. 4-tetrahydro pyran), imidazoline, imidazolidinone, oxazoline, thiazoline, 2-pyrazoline, pyrazolidine, piperazine, and N-alkyl piperazines such as N-methyl piperazine. Further examples include thiomorpholine and its S-oxide and S,S-dioxide (particularly thiomorpholine). Still further examples include N-alkyl piperidines such as N-methyl piperidine.

- 15 One sub-group of non-aromatic heterocyclic groups R^1 includes unsubstituted or substituted (by one or more groups R^{10}) 5-, 6- and 7-membered monocyclic heterocyclic groups such as morpholine, piperidine (e.g. 1-piperidinyl, 2-piperidinyl 3-piperidinyl and 4-piperidinyl), pyrrolidine (e.g. 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-pyrrolidinyl and 3-pyrrolidinyl), pyrrolidone, piperazine, and N-alkyl piperazines such as N-methyl piperazine, wherein a particular sub-set consists of pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine and N-methyl piperazine.

- 20 In general, preferred non-aromatic heterocyclic groups include pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, thiomorpholine S,S-dioxide, piperazine, N-alkyl piperazines, and N-alkyl piperidines.

Another particular sub-set of heterocyclic groups consists of pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine and N-alkyl piperazines, and optionally, N-methyl piperazine and thiomorpholine.

- 25 When R^1 is a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group substituted by a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group, the carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups can be aromatic or non-aromatic and can be selected from the examples of such groups set out hereinabove. The substituted hydrocarbyl group is typically a saturated C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl group such as an alkyl group, preferably a CH_2 or CH_2CH_2 group. Where the substituted hydrocarbyl group is a C_{2-4} hydrocarbyl group, one of the carbon atoms and its associated hydrogen atoms may be replaced by a sulphonyl group, for example as in the moiety SO_2CH_2 .

- 30 When the carbocyclic or heterocyclic group attached to the a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group is aromatic, examples of such groups include monocyclic aryl groups and monocyclic heteroaryl groups containing up to four heteroatom ring members selected from O, S and N, and bicyclic heteroaryl groups containing up to 2 heteroatom ring members selected from O, S and N and wherein both rings are aromatic.

Examples of such groups are set out in the "General Preferences and Definitions" section above.

- 35 Particular examples of such groups include furanyl (e.g. 2-furanyl or 3-furanyl), indolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyridyl, quinolinyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl and thienyl. Particular examples of aryl and heteroaryl groups as

substituents for a C₁₋₈ hydrocarbyl group include phenyl, imidazolyl, tetrazolyl, triazolyl, indolyl, 2-furanyl, 3-furanyl, pyrrolyl and thienyl. Such groups may be substituted by one or more substituents R¹⁰ or R^{10a} as defined herein.

When R¹ is a C₁₋₈ hydrocarbyl group substituted by a non-aromatic carbocyclic or heterocyclic group, the non-aromatic or heterocyclic group may be a group selected from the lists of such groups set out hereinabove. For example, the non-aromatic group can be a monocyclic group having from 4 to 7 ring members, e.g. 5 to 7 ring members, and typically containing from 0 to 3, more typically 0, 1 or 2, heteroatom ring members selected from O, S and N. When the cyclic group is a carbocyclic group, it may additionally be selected from monocyclic groups having 3 ring members. Particular examples include monocyclic cycloalkyl groups such as cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and cycloheptyl, and 5-, 6- and 7-membered monocyclic heterocyclic groups such as morpholine, piperidine (e.g. 1-piperidinyl, 2-piperidinyl, 3-piperidinyl and 4-piperidinyl), pyrrolidine (e.g. 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-pyrrolidinyl and 3-pyrrolidinyl), pyrrolidone, piperazine, and N-alkyl piperazines such as N-methyl piperazine. In general, preferred non-aromatic heterocyclic groups include pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine and N-methyl piperazine.

When R¹ is an optionally substituted C₁₋₈ hydrocarbyl group, the hydrocarbyl group may be as hereinbefore defined, and is preferably up to four carbon atoms in length, more usually up to three carbon atoms in length for example one or two carbon atoms in length.

In one embodiment, the hydrocarbyl group is saturated and may be acyclic or cyclic, for example acyclic. An acyclic saturated hydrocarbyl group (i.e. an alkyl group) may be a straight chain or branched alkyl group.

Examples of straight chain alkyl groups R¹ include methyl, ethyl, propyl and butyl.

Examples of branched chain alkyl groups R¹ include isopropyl, isobutyl, *tert*-butyl and 2,2-dimethylpropyl.

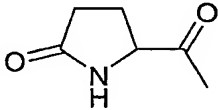
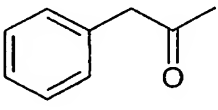
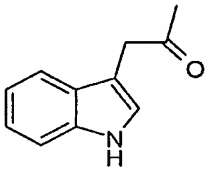
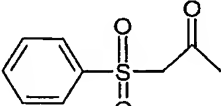
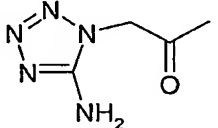
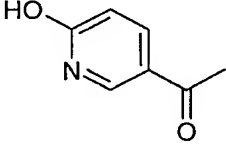
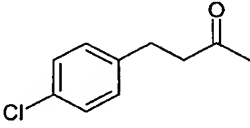
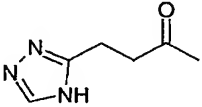
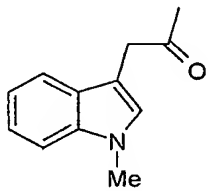
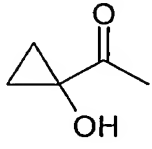
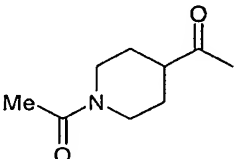
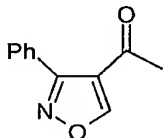
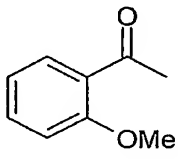
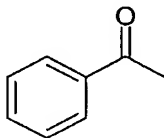
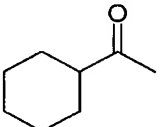
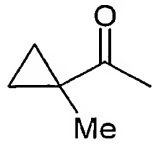
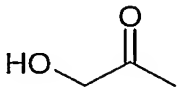
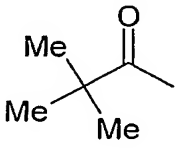
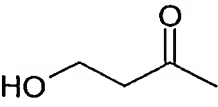
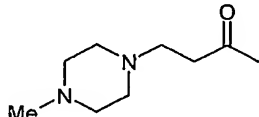
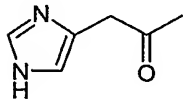
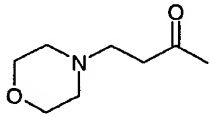
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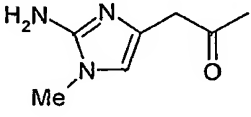
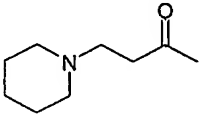
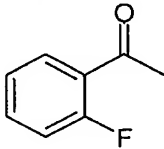
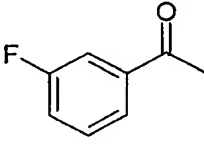
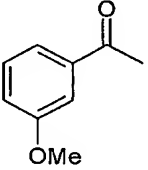
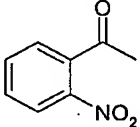
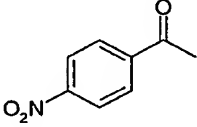
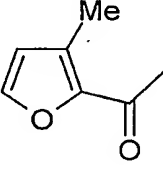
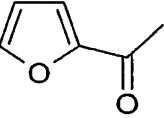
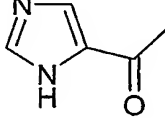
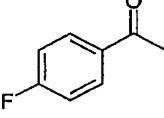
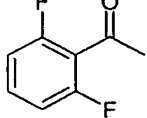
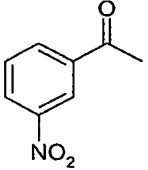
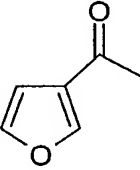
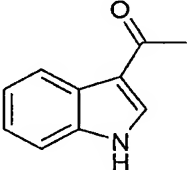
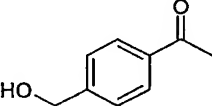
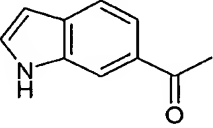
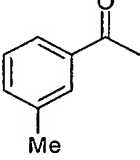
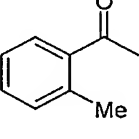
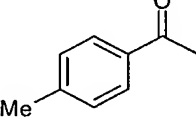
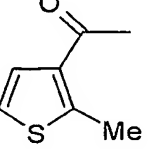
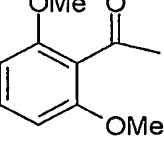
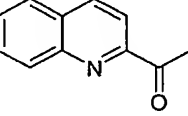
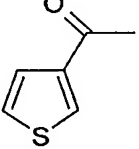
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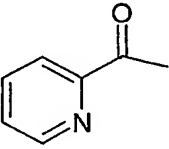
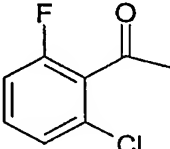
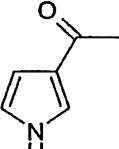
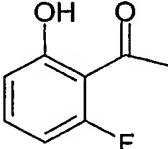
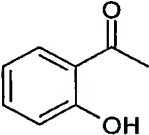
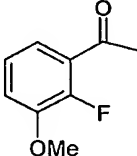
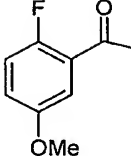
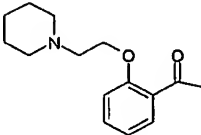
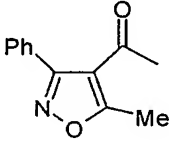
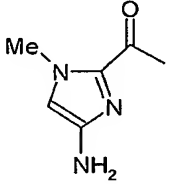
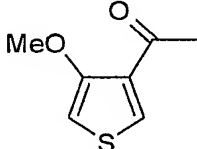
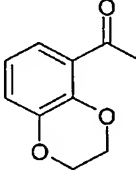
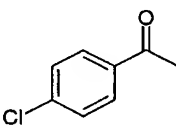
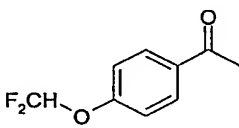
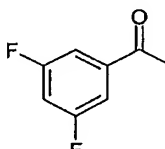
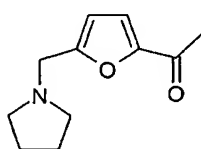
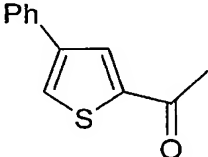
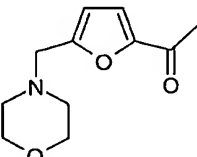
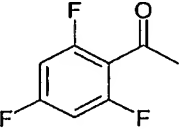
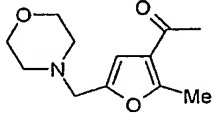
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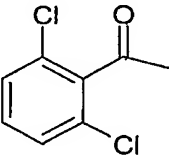
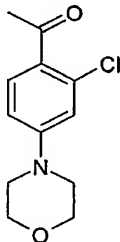
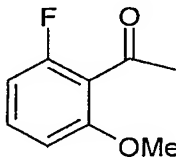
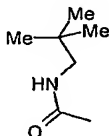
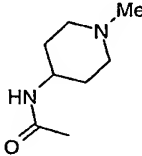
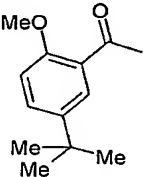
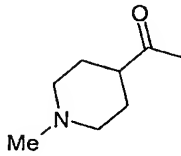
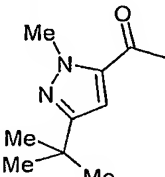
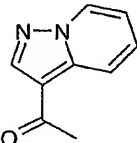
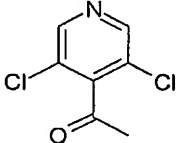
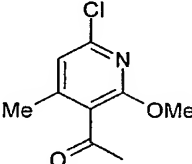
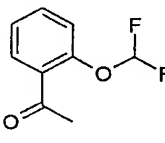
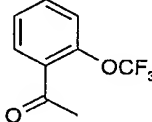
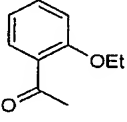
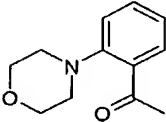
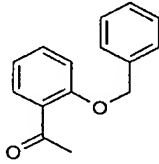
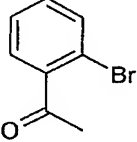
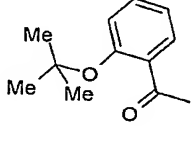
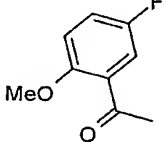
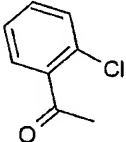
In Table 1, the point of attachment of the group to the nitrogen atom of the pyrazole-4-amino group is represented by the terminal single bond extending from the carbonyl group. Thus, by way of illustration, group B in the table is the trifluoroacetyl group, group D in the table is the phenylacetyl group and group I in the table is the 3-(4-chlorophenyl)propionyl group.

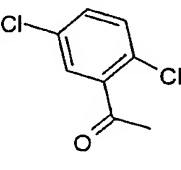
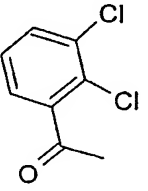
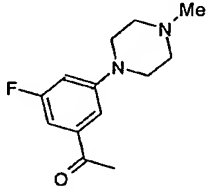
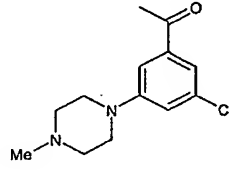
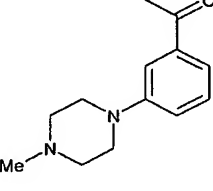
Table 1 – Examples of the group R¹-CO

$\text{CH}_3\text{-C(=O)-}$ A	$\text{CF}_3\text{-C(=O)-}$ B	 C	 D
 E	 F	 G	 H
 I	 J	 K	 L
 M	 N	 O	 P
 Q	 R	 S	 T
 U	 V	 W	 X

 Y	 Z	 AA	 AB
 AC	 AD	 AE	 AF
 AG	 AH	 AI	 AJ
 AK	 AL	 AM	 AN
 AO	 AP	 AQ	 AR
 AS	 AT	 AU	 AV

 AW	 AX	 AY	 AZ
 BA	 BB	 BC	 BD
 BE	 BF	 BG	 BH
 BI	 BJ	 BK	 BL
 BM	 BN	 BO	 BP

 BQ	 BR	 BS	 BT
 BU	 BV	 BW	 BX
 BY	 BZ	 BAA	 BAB
 BAC	 BAD	 BAE	 BAF
 BAG	 BAH	 BAI	 BAJ

 <p>BAK</p>	 <p>BAL</p>	 <p>BAM</p>	 <p>BAN</p>
 <p>BAO</p>			

One sub-group of groups R¹-CO consists of groups A to BF in Table 1 above.

Another sub-group of groups R¹-CO consists of groups A to BS in Table 1 above.

One set of preferred groups R¹-CO consists of the groups J, AB, AH, AJ, AL, AS, AX, AY, AZ, BA, BB, BD, BH,
5 BL, BQ, BS and BAI

Another set of preferred groups R¹-CO consists of the groups J, AB, AH, AJ, AL, AS, AX, AY, AZ, BA, BB, BD, BH, BL, BQ and BS.

More preferred groups R¹-CO- are AJ, AX, BQ, BS and BAI.

One particularly preferred sub-set of groups R¹-CO- consists of AJ, BQ and BS.

10 Another particularly preferred sub-set of groups R¹-CO- consists of AJ and BQ.

When X is R¹-A-NR⁴ and A is C=O, and R¹ is a phenyl ring bearing a substituent at the 4-position, the substituent at the 4-position is preferably other than a phenyl group having a group SO₂NH₂ or SO₂Me at the *ortho*-position.

15 In one general embodiment, R¹ may be other than a substituted or unsubstituted tetrahydroquinoline, chroman, chromene, thiochroman, thiochromene, dihydro-naphthalene or tetrahydronaphthalene group. More particularly, R¹ may be other than a substituted or unsubstituted tetrahydroquinoline, chroman, chromene, thiochroman, thiochromene, dihydro-naphthalene or tetrahydronaphthalene group linked by its aromatic ring to the moiety A-NR⁴-.

20 In another general embodiment, when R¹ is a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, the moiety Y-R³ may be other than hydrogen, unsubstituted C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, unsubstituted C₅₋₁₀ cycloalkyl, unsubstituted phenyl, unsubstituted C₁₋₁₀ alkylphenyl or unsubstituted phenyl-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl.

In the context of the group R^1-A-NR^4- , when R^1 is an optionally substituted hydrocarbyl group and the hydrocarbyl group comprises or contains a substituted or unsubstituted alkene group, it is preferred that the carbon-carbon double bond of the alkene group is not directly bonded to the group A.

- 5 Also in the context of the group R^1-A-NR^4- , when R^1 is an optionally substituted hydrocarbyl group, the hydrocarbyl group may be other than an alkene group.

In another general embodiment, when Y is a bond, R^3 is hydrogen, A is CO and R^1 is a substituted phenyl group, each substituent on the phenyl group may be other than a group $CH_2-P(O)R^xR^y$ where R^x and R^y are each selected from alkoxy and phenyl groups.

Y

- 10 In the compounds of the formula (I), Y is a bond or an alkylene chain of 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms in length.

The term "alkylene" has its usual meaning and refers to a divalent saturated acyclic hydrocarbon chain. The hydrocarbon chain may be branched or unbranched. Where an alkylene chain is branched, it may have one or more methyl group side chains. Examples of alkylene groups include $-CH_2-$, $-CH_2-CH_2-$, $-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-$, $CH(CH_3)-$, $-C(CH_3)_2-$, $-CH_2-CH(CH_3)-$, $-CH_2-C(CH_3)_2-$ and $-CH(CH_3)-CH(CH_3)-$.

- 15 In one embodiment, Y is a bond.

In another embodiment, Y is an alkylene chain.

When Y is an alkylene chain, preferably it is unbranched and more particularly contains 1 or 2 carbon atoms, preferably 1 carbon atom. Thus preferred groups Y are $-CH_2-$ and $-CH_2-CH_2-$, a most preferred group being $(CH_2)-$.

- 20 Where Y is a branched chain, preferably it has no more than two methyl side chains. For example, it may have a single methyl side chain. In one embodiment, Y is a group $-CH(Me)-$.

In one sub-group of compounds, Y is a bond, CH_2 , CH_2CH_2 or $CH_2CH(CH_3)$.

R^3

- 25 The group R^3 is selected from hydrogen and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members.

In one sub-group of compounds, Y is a bond and R^3 is hydrogen.

In another sub-group of compounds Y is an alkylene chain as hereinbefore defined and R^3 is hydrogen.

In a another sub-group of compounds, Y is a bond or an alkylene chain (e.g. a group $-(CH_2)-$) and R^3 is a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group.

- 30 In a further sub-group of compounds, Y is a bond and R^3 is a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group.

In a still further sub-group of compounds, Y is an alkylene chain (e.g. a group $-(CH_2)-$) and R^3 is a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group.

The carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups R^3 can be aryl, heteroaryl, non-aromatic carbocyclic or non-aromatic heterocyclic and examples of such groups are as set out in detail above in the General Preferences and
 5 Definitions section, and as set out below.

Preferred aryl groups R^3 are unsubstituted and substituted phenyl groups.

Examples of heteroaryl groups R^3 include monocyclic heteroaryl groups containing up to three (and more preferably up to two) heteroatom ring members selected from O, S and N. Preferred heteroaryl groups include
 10 five membered rings containing one or two heteroatom ring members and six membered rings containing a single heteroatom ring member, most preferably nitrogen. Particular examples of heteroaryl groups include unsubstituted or substituted pyridyl, imidazole, pyrazole, thiazole, isothiazole, isoxazole, oxazole, furyl and thiophene groups.

Particular heteroaryl groups are unsubstituted and substituted pyridyl groups, e.g. 2-pyridyl, 3-pyridyl and 4-pyridyl groups, especially 3- and 4-pyridyl groups. When the pyridyl groups are substituted, they can bear one
 15 or more substituents, typically no more than two, and more usually one substituent selected, for example, from C_{1-4} alkyl (e.g. methyl), halogen (e.g. fluorine or chlorine, preferably chlorine), and C_{1-4} alkoxy (e.g. methoxy). Substituents on the pyridyl group may further be selected from amino, mono- C_{1-4} alkylamino and di- C_{1-4} alkylamino, particularly amino.

In one embodiment, when R^3 is an aryl (e.g. phenyl) or heteroaryl group, the substituents on the carbocyclic or
 20 heterocyclic group may be selected from the group R^{10a} consisting of halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, monocyclic carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 7 (typically 5 or 6) ring members, and a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$, $X^1C(X^2)X^1$, S, SO, SO_2 , NR^c , SO_2NR^c or NR^cSO_2 ; and R^b is selected from hydrogen, a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group with 3-7 ring members and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro,
 25 carboxy, amino, mono- or di- C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group with 3-7 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2 , NR^c , $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$; and R^c , X^1 and X^2 are as hereinbefore defined.

Examples of non-aromatic groups R^3 include optionally substituted (by R^{10} or R^{10a}) cycloalkyl, oxa-cycloalkyl, aza-cycloalkyl, diaza-cycloalkyl, dioxo-cycloalkyl and aza-oxa-cycloalkyl groups. Further examples include C_{7-10} aza-bicycloalkyl groups such as 1-aza-bicyclo[2.2.2]octan-3-yl.
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Particular examples of such groups include unsubstituted or substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, tetrahydropyran, morpholine, tetrahydrofuran, piperidine and pyrrolidine groups.

One sub-set of non-aromatic groups R^3 consists of cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, tetrahydropyran, tetrahydrofuran, piperidine and pyrrolidine groups.

35 Preferred non-aromatic groups R^3 include unsubstituted or substituted cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, tetrahydropyran, tetrahydrofuran, piperidine and pyrrolidine groups,

The non-aromatic groups may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more groups R^{10} or R^{10a} as hereinbefore defined.

Particular substituents for R^3 (e.g. (i) when R^3 is an aryl or heteroaryl group or (ii) when R^3 is a non-aromatic group) are selected from the group R^{10a} consisting of halogen; hydroxy; monocyclic carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 6 ring members and containing up to 2 heteroatom ring members selected from O, N and S; and a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, CO₂, SO₂, NH, SO₂NH or NHSO₂; and R^b is selected from hydrogen, a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group with 3-6 ring members and containing up to 2 heteroatom ring members selected from O, N and S; and a C₁₋₆ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, carboxy, amino, mono- or di-C₁₋₄ hydrocarbylamino, a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group with 3-6 ring members and containing up to 2 heteroatom ring members selected from O, N and S; and wherein one or two carbon atoms of the C₁₋₆ hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO₂ or -NH.

In one embodiment, preferred R^{10a} substituent groups on R^3 (e.g. (i) when R^3 is an aryl or heteroaryl group or (ii) when R^3 is a non-aromatic group) include halogen, a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, C(X²)X¹, and R^b is selected from hydrogen, heterocyclic groups having 3-7 ring members and a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, carboxy, amino, mono- or di-C₁₋₄ hydrocarbylamino, and heterocyclic groups having 3-7 ring members.

Particularly preferred substituent groups R^{10a} on R^3 (e.g. (i) when R^3 is an aryl or heteroaryl group or (ii) when R^3 is a non-aromatic group) include halogen, especially fluorine, C₁₋₃ alkoxy such as methoxy, and C₁₋₃ hydrocarbyl optionally substituted by fluorine, hydroxy (e.g. hydroxymethyl), C₁₋₂ alkoxy or a 5- or 6-membered saturated heterocyclic ring such as piperidino, morpholino, piperazino and N-methylpiperazino.

In another embodiment, the substituents for R^3 (whether aromatic or non-aromatic) are selected from:

- halogen (e.g. fluorine and chlorine)
- C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy and ethoxy) optionally substituted by one or substituents selected from halogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₂ alkoxy and five and six membered saturated heterocyclic rings containing 1 or 2 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, the heterocyclic rings being optionally further substituted by one or more C₁₋₄ groups (e.g. methyl) and wherein the S, when present, may be present as S, SO or SO₂;
- C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted by one or substituents selected from halogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, amino, C₁₋₄ alkylsulphonylamino, 3 to 6 membered cycloalkyl groups (e.g. cyclopropyl), phenyl (optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, methyl, methoxy and amino) and five and six membered saturated heterocyclic rings containing 1 or 2 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, the heterocyclic rings being optionally further substituted by one or more C₁₋₄ groups (e.g. methyl) and wherein the S, when present, may be present as S, SO or SO₂;
- hydroxy;
- amino, mono-C₁₋₄ alkylamino, di-C₁₋₄ alkylamino, benzyloxycarbonylamino and C₁₋₄ alkoxycarbonylamino;
- carboxy and C₁₋₄ alkoxycarbonyl;
- C₁₋₄ alkylaminosulphonyl and C₁₋₄ alkylsulphonylamino;
- C₁₋₄ alkylsulphonyl;

- a group O-Het^s or NH-Het^s where Het^s is a five or six membered saturated heterocyclic ring containing 1 or 2 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, the heterocyclic rings being optionally further substituted by one or more C₁₋₄ groups (e.g. methyl) and wherein the S, when present, may be present as S, SO or SO₂;
- 5 • five and six membered saturated heterocyclic rings containing 1 or 2 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, the heterocyclic rings being optionally further substituted by one or more C₁₋₄ groups (e.g. methyl) and wherein the S, when present, may be present as S, SO or SO₂;
- oxo; and
- six membered aryl and heteroaryl rings containing up to two nitrogen ring members and being
- 10 • optionally substituted by one or substituents selected from halogen, methyl and methoxy.

In one preferred sub-group of compounds, R³ is a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group R^{3a} selected from phenyl; C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl; five and six membered saturated non-aromatic heterocyclic rings containing up to two heteroatom ring members selected from N, O, S and SO₂; six membered heteroaryl rings containing one, two or three nitrogen ring members; and five membered heteroaryl rings having up to three heteroatom ring

15 members selected from N, O and S;

wherein each carbocyclic or heterocyclic group R^{3a} is optionally substituted by up to four, preferably up to three, and more preferably up to two (e.g. one) substituents selected from amino; hydroxy; oxo; fluorine; chlorine; C₁₋₄ alkyl-(O)_q- wherein q is 0 or 1 and the C₁₋₄ alkyl moiety is optionally substituted by fluorine, hydroxy or C₁₋₂ alkoxy; mono-C₁₋₄ alkylamino; di-C₁₋₄ alkylamino; C₁₋₄ alkoxycarbonyl; carboxy; a group R^a-R¹⁶ where R^a is a

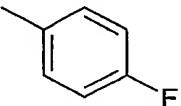
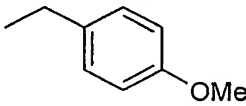
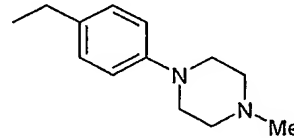
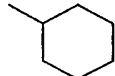
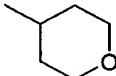
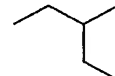
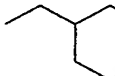
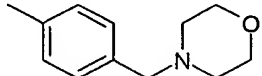
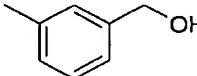
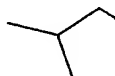
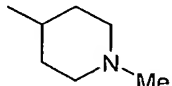
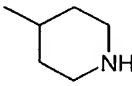
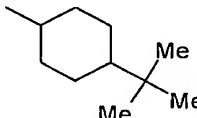

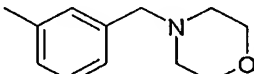
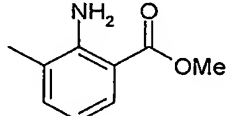
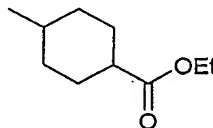
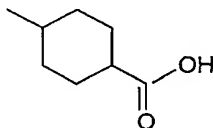
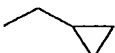
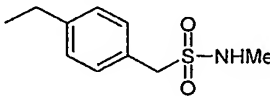
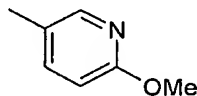
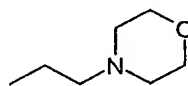
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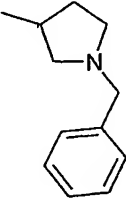
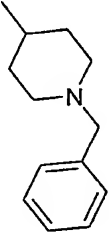
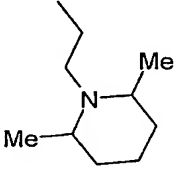
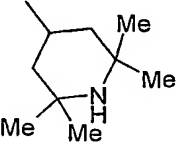
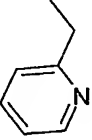
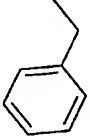
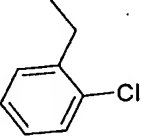
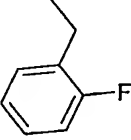
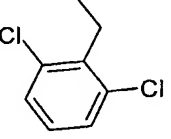
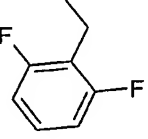
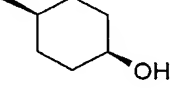
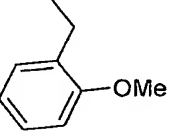
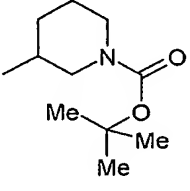
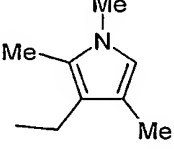
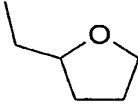
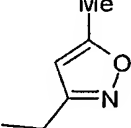
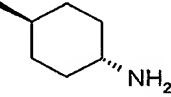
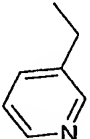
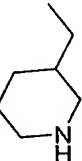
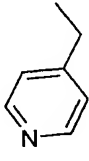
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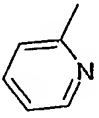
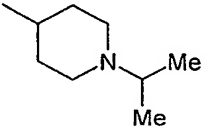
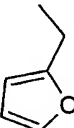
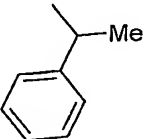
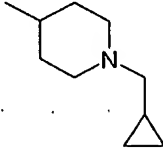
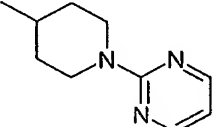
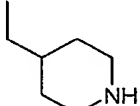
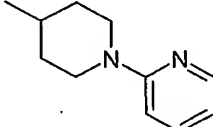
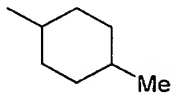
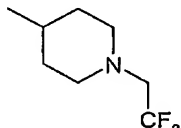
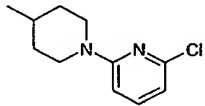
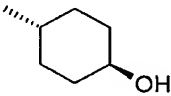
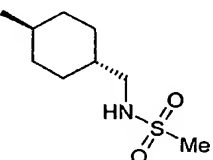
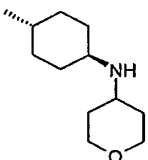
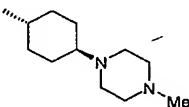
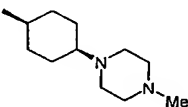
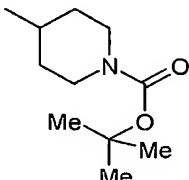
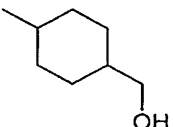
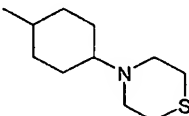
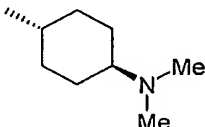
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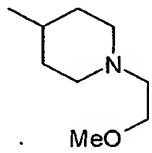
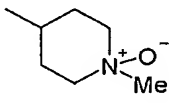
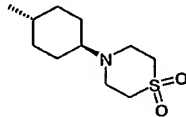
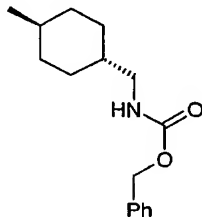
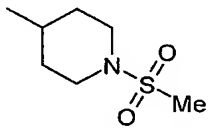
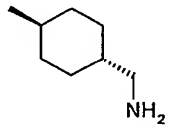
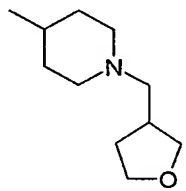
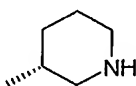
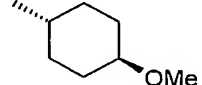
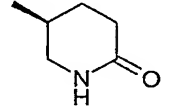
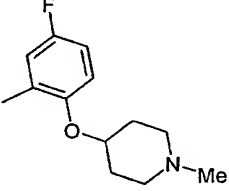
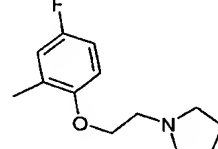
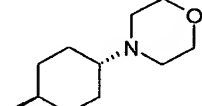
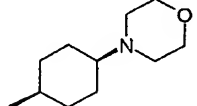
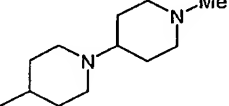
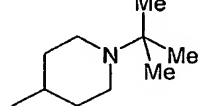

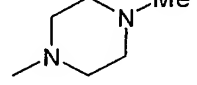
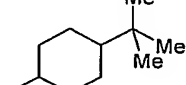
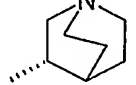
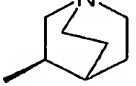
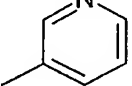
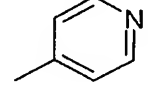
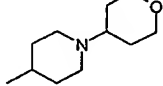
- monocyclic aryl groups optionally substituted by 1-4 (for example 1-2, e.g. 1) substituents R¹⁰ or R^{10a};
- C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl groups optionally substituted by 1-4 (for example 1-2, e.g. 1) substituents R¹⁰ or R^{10a};
- 30 • saturated five membered heterocyclic rings containing 1 ring heteroatom selected from O, N and S and being optionally substituted by an oxo group and/or by 1-4 (for example 1-2, e.g. 1) substituents R¹⁰ or R^{10a};
- saturated six membered heterocyclic rings containing 1 or 2 ring heteroatoms selected from O, N and S and being optionally substituted by an oxo group and/or by 1-4 (for example 1-2, e.g. 1) substituents
- 35 R¹⁰ or R^{10a};
- five membered heteroaryl rings containing 1 or 2 ring heteroatoms selected from O, N and S and being optionally substituted by 1-4 (for example 1-2, e.g. 1) substituents R¹⁰ or R^{10a};
- six membered heteroaryl rings containing 1 or 2 nitrogen ring members (preferably 1 nitrogen ring member) and being optionally substituted by 1-4 (for example 1-2, e.g. 1) substituents R¹⁰ or R^{10a};
- 40 • mono-azabicycloalkyl and diazabicycloalkyl groups each having 7 to 9 ring members and being optionally substituted by 1-4 (for example 1-2, e.g. 1) substituents R¹⁰ or R^{10a}.

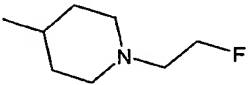
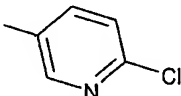
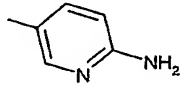
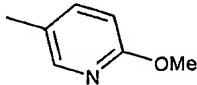
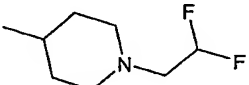
Specific examples of the group Y-R³ are set out in Table 2. In Table 2, the point of attachment of the group to the nitrogen atom of the pyrazole-3-carboxamide group is represented by the terminal single bond extending from the group. Thus, by way of illustration, group CA in the table is the 4-fluorophenyl, group CB in the table is the 4-methoxybenzyl group and group CC in the table is the 4-(4-methylpiperazino)-phenylmethyl group.

Table 2 – Examples of the Group Y-R ³			
			
CA	CB	CC	
			
CD	CE	CF	CG
H			
CH	CI	CJ	CK
			
CL	CM	CN	CO
			
CP	CQ	CR	CS
			
CT	CU	CV	CW

 CX	 CY	 CZ	 DA
 DB	 DC	 DD	 DE
 DF	 DG	 DH	 DI
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 DR	 DS	 DT	 DU
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 EL	 EM	 EN	 EO
 EP	 EQ	 ER	 ES
 ET	 EU	 EV	 EW
 EX	 EY	 EZ	 FA
 FB	 FC	 FD	 FE
 FF	 FG	 FH	 FI

 FJ	 FK	 FL	 FM
 FN			

One sub-set of groups selected from table 2 consists of groups CA to EU.

Another sub-set of groups selected from table 2 consists of groups CA to CV.

Preferred groups selected from Table 2 include groups CL, CM, ES, ET, FC, FG and FH.

- 5 Particularly preferred groups selected from Table 2 include groups CL, CM and ES, and most preferably CL and CM.

10 In another general embodiment, when R^3 is an aza-cycloalkyl group, the group X in the compound of the formula (I) is preferably R^1-A-NR^4 wherein A is CO, $NR^9(C=O)$ or $O(C=O)$. Additionally, or alternatively, when R^3 is an aza-cycloalkyl group, the nitrogen atom of the aza-cycloalkyl group is preferably not substituted with an alkylene chain linked to a 2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxine or tetrahydronaphthalene group.

In another general embodiment, when Y is an alkylene chain of 1 carbon atom in length, R^3 is other than an optionally substituted phenyl group bearing a substituted or unsubstituted cyclohexyloxy or cyclohexylthio group.

- 15 In another general embodiment, R^3 is other than a moiety containing a five membered heteroaryl ring linked directly by a single bond to a monocyclic or bicyclic aryl group or R^3 is other than a moiety containing a bis heteroaryl group comprising two five membered heteroaryl rings linked together by a single bond.

In a further general embodiment, R^1 is other than a moiety containing a five membered heteroaryl ring linked directly by a single bond to a monocyclic or bicyclic aryl group or R^1 is other than a moiety containing a bis heteroaryl group comprising two five membered heteroaryl rings linked together by a single bond.

- 20 In another general embodiment, R^1-A-NR^4 is other than an optionally substituted nicotinoyl-amino or benzoyl-amino group when $Y-R^3$ is an alkyl, cycloalkyl, optionally substituted phenyl or optionally substituted phenylalkyl group.

25 When A is a bond (and optionally when A is CO, $NR^9(C=O)$ or $O(C=O)$), $Y-R^3$ may be other than a cycloalkyl group substituted at the 1-position with a hydrocarbon chain simultaneously bearing an oxy substituent such as hydroxy, an aryl substituent and a diazole or triazole substituent.

Preferably, R^1 or R^3 each are other than a moiety containing a substituted phenyl group having thio and/or oxy substituents such as hydroxy, alkoxy and alkylthio at both the 3- and 4-positions of the phenyl ring.

In a further general embodiment, when $Y-R^3$ is unsubstituted or substituted benzyl or phenethyl or naphthylmethyl, X may be other than C_{1-5} alkylamino or C_{1-7} acylamino.

- 5 The group $Y-R^3$ preferably does not include a benzo-fused lactam group having attached thereto an unsubstituted or substituted imidazole group.

The group $Y-R^3$ preferably does not include the moiety $-CH=C(CO_2R^9)-S-$ where R^9 is hydrogen or alkyl.

- 10 In another general embodiment, neither R^1 nor R^3 contain a moiety in which a five membered nitrogen-containing heteroaryl group is linked directly or via an alkylene, oxa-alkylene, thia-alkylene or aza-alkylene group to an unsubstituted pyridyl group or to a substituted aryl, heteroaryl or piperidine ring, each said ring having attached thereto a substituent selected from cyano, and substituted or unsubstituted amino, aminoalkyl, amidine, guanidine, and carbamoyl groups.

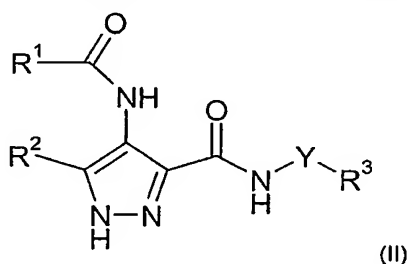
- 15 In a further general embodiment, R^1 and R^3 are each other than an unsaturated nitrogen-containing heterocyclic group or a nitrogen-containing heteroaryl group, or a benzfuran or benzthiophene group wherein the said nitrogen-containing heterocyclic group, nitrogen-containing heteroaryl group, bicyclic benzfuran or benzthiophene group are linked directly by a single bond to a substituted pyridyl or phenyl group.

In another general embodiment, neither R^1 nor R^3 contain a moiety in which a five membered nitrogen-containing heteroaryl group is linked directly or via an alkylene, oxa-alkylene, thia-alkylene or aza-alkylene group to a substituted aryl, heteroaryl or piperidine group or to an unsubstituted pyridyl group.

- 20 In general, it is preferred that the compounds of the invention, where they contain a carboxylic acid group, contain no more than one such group.

Particular and Preferred Sub-groups of the formulae (I), (Ia) and (Ib)

One particular group of compounds of the invention is represented by the formula (II):



- 25 or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;
wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and Y are each independently selected from R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and Y as defined herein.

Within formula (II), it is preferred that R^2 is hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl (e.g. C_{1-3} alkyl), and more preferably R^2 is hydrogen.

In one sub-group of compounds of the formula (II), R¹ is:

- (i) phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents (e.g. 1, 2 or 3) selected from fluorine; chlorine; hydroxy; 5- and 6-membered saturated heterocyclic groups containing 1 or 2 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, the heterocyclic groups being optionally substituted by one or more C₁₋₄ alkyl groups; C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyloxy; and C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl; wherein the C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl and C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyloxy groups are optionally substituted by one or more substituents chosen from hydroxy, fluorine, C₁₋₂ alkoxy, amino, mono and di-C₁₋₄ alkylamino, phenyl, halophenyl, saturated carbocyclic groups having 3 to 7 ring members (more preferably 4, 5 or 6 ring members, e.g. 5 or 6 ring members) or saturated heterocyclic groups of 5 or 6 ring members and containing up to 2 heteroatoms selected from O, S and N; or 2, 3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxine; or
- 10 (ii) a monocyclic heteroaryl group containing one or two heteroatoms selected from O, S and N; or a bicyclic heteroaryl group containing a single heteroatom selected from O, S and N; the monocyclic and bicyclic heteroaryl groups each being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from fluorine; chlorine; C₁₋₃ hydrocarbyloxy; and C₁₋₃ hydrocarbyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, fluorine, methoxy or a five or six membered saturated carbocyclic or heterocyclic group containing up to two heteroatoms selected from O, S and N; or
- 15 (iii) a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having from 3 to 6 ring members; or
- (iv) a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from fluorine; hydroxy; C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyloxy; amino; mono- or di-C₁₋₄ hydrocarbylamino; and carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and wherein one of the carbon atoms of the hydrocarbyl group may
- 20 optionally be replaced by an atom or group selected from O, NH, SO and SO₂.

Within group (i), a sub-group of groups R¹ consists of phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from fluorine; chlorine; hydroxy; C₁₋₃ hydrocarbyloxy; and C₁₋₃ hydrocarbyl wherein the C₁₋₃ hydrocarbyl group is optionally substituted by one or more substituents chosen from hydroxy, fluorine, C₁₋₂ alkoxy, amino, mono and di-C₁₋₄ alkylamino, saturated carbocyclic groups having 3 to 7 ring members (more preferably 4, 5 or 6 ring members, e.g. 5 or 6 ring members) or saturated heterocyclic groups of 5 or 6 ring members and containing up to 2 heteroatoms selected from O, S and N.

In another sub-group of compounds of the formula (II), R¹ is selected from (i) and (iii) above and additionally from a sub-set (aii) where sub-set (aii) consists of 2-furanyl, 3-furanyl, imidazolyl, 2-pyridyl, indolyl, 2-thienyl and 3-thienyl, each optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from fluorine, chlorine, C₁₋₃ hydrocarbyloxy, and C₁₋₃ hydrocarbyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, fluorine or methoxy.

Within the group of compounds defined by the formula (II), where R¹ is (i) an optionally substituted phenyl group, it may be, for example, an unsubstituted phenyl group or a 2-monosubstituted, 3-monosubstituted, 2,3 disubstituted, 2,5 disubstituted or 2,6 disubstituted phenyl group or 2, 3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxine, where the substituents are selected from halogen; hydroxyl; C₁₋₃ alkoxy; and C₁₋₃ alkyl groups wherein the C₁₋₃ alkyl group is optionally substituted by hydroxy, fluorine, C₁₋₂ alkoxy, amino, mono and di-C₁₋₄ alkylamino, or saturated carbocyclic groups having 3 to 6 ring members and/or saturated heterocyclic groups of 5 or 6 ring members and containing 1 or 2 heteroatoms selected from N and O.

In one embodiment, R¹ is selected from unsubstituted phenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 2-hydroxyphenyl, 2-methoxyphenyl, 2-methylphenyl, 2-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethoxy)-phenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 3-methoxyphenyl, 2,6-

difluorophenyl, 2-fluoro-6-hydroxyphenyl, 2-fluoro-3-methoxyphenyl, 2-fluoro-5-methoxyphenyl, 2-chloro-6-methoxyphenyl, 2-fluoro-6-methoxyphenyl, 2,6-dichlorophenyl and 2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl, and is optionally further selected from 5-fluoro-2-methoxyphenyl.

In another embodiment, R¹ is selected from unsubstituted phenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 2-hydroxyphenyl, 2-methoxyphenyl, 2-methylphenyl, 2-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethoxy)-phenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 3-methoxyphenyl, 2,6-difluorophenyl, 2-fluoro-6-hydroxyphenyl, 2-fluoro-3-methoxyphenyl and 2-fluoro-5-methoxyphenyl.

Particular groups R¹ are 2,6-difluorophenyl, 2-fluoro-6-methoxyphenyl and 2,6-dichlorophenyl.

One particularly preferred group R¹ is 2,6-difluorophenyl.

Another particularly preferred group R¹ is 2,6-dichlorophenyl.

When R¹ is (ii) a monocyclic heteroaryl group containing one or two heteroatoms selected from O, S and N or a bicyclic heteroaryl group containing a single heteroatom, examples of monocyclic and bicyclic heteroaryl groups include furanyl (e.g. 2-furanyl and 3-furanyl), imidazolyl, pyridyl (e.g. 2-pyridyl), indolyl, thienyl (e.g. 2-thienyl and 3-thienyl) groups. The optional substituents for such groups can include chlorine, fluorine, methyl, methoxy, hydroxymethyl, methoxymethyl, morpholinomethyl, piperazinomethyl, N-methylpiperazinomethyl and piperidinylmethyl groups. Particular examples of groups (ii) include unsubstituted 2-furanyl, 3-methyl-2-furanyl, unsubstituted 4-(1H)-imidazolyl, unsubstituted 5-(1H)-imidazolyl, unsubstituted 3-furanyl, unsubstituted 3-thienyl, 2-methyl-3-thienyl and unsubstituted 3-pyrrolyl, and further examples include 4-methoxy-3-thienyl, 5-(1-pyrrolidinyl)methyl-2-furyl and 5-(4-morpholino)methyl-2-furyl groups.

When R¹ is (iii) an optionally substituted cycloalkyl group, it can be for example a substituted or unsubstituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl group. When the cycloalkyl group is substituted, preferred substituents include methyl, fluorine and hydroxyl. Particular examples of cycloalkyl groups include 1-methylcyclopropyl, 1-hydroxycyclopropyl, and unsubstituted cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl and cyclobutyl.

In the context of formula (II) and the group R¹, examples of optionally substituted hydrocarbyl groups are optionally substituted methyl, ethyl and propyl groups wherein one of the carbon atoms of the hydrocarbyl group is optionally replaced by O, NH, SO or SO₂. Particular examples of such groups include methyl, ethyl, trifluoromethyl, methyl and ethyl substituted with a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group having from 3 to 12 ring members, sulphonylmethyl substituted with a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group having from 3 to 12 ring members, hydroxymethyl, hydroxyethyl, 3-hydroxy-2-propyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl and tertiary butyl. Examples of hydrocarbyl groups and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups are as set out above in the general definitions of such groups. Particular carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups include unsubstituted or substituted phenyl, indolyl, tetrazolyl, triazolyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, piperazinyl, N-methylpiperazinyl, imidazolyl wherein the optional substituents may be selected from the group R¹⁰, and sub-groups thereof, as defined herein.

In another sub-group of compounds of the formula (II), R¹ is a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from fluorine, hydroxy, C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyloxy, amino, mono- or di-C₁₋₄ hydrocarbylamino, and carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and wherein 1 of the carbon atoms of the hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by an atom or group selected from O, NH, SO and SO₂.

In one embodiment, R^1 is a group $R^{1a}-(V)_n$ where:

n is 0 or 1;

V is selected from CH_2 , CH_2CH_2 and SO_2CH_2 ; and

R^{1a} is a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group selected from phenyl;

- 5 five membered heteroaryl rings having up to 4 heteroatom ring members selected from N, O and S;
 six membered heteroaryl rings containing one or two nitrogen ring members;
 five or six membered saturated non-aromatic heterocyclic rings containing one or two heteroatom ring members selected from N, O, S and SO_2 ;
 C_{3-6} cycloalkyl groups; indole; and quinoline;
- 10 wherein each of the carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups R^{1a} can be optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from five or six membered saturated non-aromatic carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups containing up to two heteroatom ring members selected from N, O, S and SO_2 ; hydroxy; amino; oxo; mono- C_{1-4} alkylamino; di- C_{1-4} alkylamino; fluorine; chlorine; nitro; C_{1-4} alkyl- $(O)_q$ - wherein q is 0 or 1 and the C_{1-4} alkyl moiety is optionally substituted by fluorine, hydroxy, C_{1-2} alkoxy or a five or six membered saturated non-
- 15 aromatic carbocyclic or heterocyclic group containing up to two heteroatom ring members selected from N, O, S and SO_2 ; phenyl and C_{1-2} -alkylene dioxy.

Specific examples of groups R^1 -CO- in formula (II) are set out in Table 1 above.

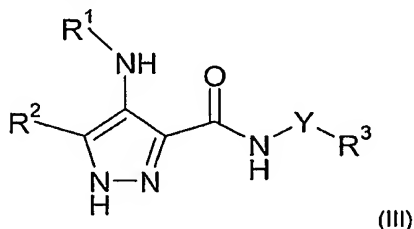
One sub-group of preferred groups R^1 -CO consists of the groups J, AB, AH, AJ, AL, AS, AX, AY, AZ, BA, BB, BD, BH, BL, BQ and BS.

- 20 Another sub-group of groups R^1 -CO consists of the groups A to BF.

A further sub-group of groups R^1 -CO consists of the groups A to BS.

Particularly preferred groups are the groups AJ, BQ and BS in Table 1, e.g. the sub-set consisting of AJ and BQ.

Another group of compounds of the invention is represented by the formula (III):



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or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;
 wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and Y are as defined herein.

Examples of, and preferences, for the groups R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and Y are as set out above for compounds of the formulae (I), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib) and (II) unless the context indicates otherwise.

- 30 Particular sub-groups of compounds of the formula (III) include:

(i) compounds wherein R^1 is a heteroaryl group containing 1, 2 or 3 heteroatom ring members selected from N, O and S;

(ii) compounds wherein R^1 is a C_{1-6} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from fluorine, hydroxy, C_{1-4} hydrocarbyloxy, amino, mono- or di- C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, and carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and wherein 1 of the carbon atoms of the hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by an atom or group selected from O, NH, SO and SO_2 ; and

(iii) compounds wherein R^1 is a non-aromatic carbocyclic or heterocyclic group having from 3 to 12 ring members.

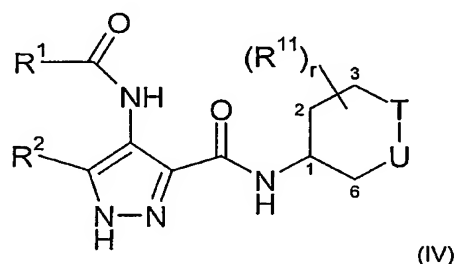
Examples of compounds of the formula (III) wherein R^1 is (i) a heteroaryl group include 5- and 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl groups, e.g. containing 1 or 2 heteroatom ring members selected from O, N and S. In one embodiment, the heteroaryl group is a monocyclic group containing 1 or 2 nitrogen ring members. In another embodiment, the heteroaryl groups are selected from 6-membered rings containing 1 or 2 nitrogen ring members, for example pyridine, pyrimidine, pyrazine and piazine groups, one particular sub-group consisting of pyrazinyl and pyridyl.

The heteroaryl groups can be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more groups R^{10} as defined herein.

Examples of compounds of the formula (III) wherein R^1 is (ii) an optionally substituted C_{1-6} hydrocarbyl group include those in which the hydrocarbyl group is unsubstituted hydrocarbyl, for example unsubstituted alkyl such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, *t*-butyl, 1-pentyl, 2-pentyl and 3-pentyl.

Examples of compounds wherein R^1 is a non-aromatic carbocyclic or heterocyclic group include those wherein the carbocyclic or heterocyclic group is monocyclic and contains up to 2 heteroatoms selected from oxygen and nitrogen. Particular examples of such groups are cyclohexyl and piperidino.

Another sub-group of compounds of the formula (I) can be represented by the formula (IV):



or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;

wherein R^1 and R^2 are as defined herein;

an optional second bond may be present between carbon atoms numbered 1 and 2;

one of U and T is selected from CH_2 , CHR^{13} , $CR^{11}R^{13}$, NR^{14} , $N(O)R^{15}$, O and $S(O)$; and the other of U and T is selected from NR^{14} , O, CH_2 , CHR^{11} , $C(R^{11})_2$, and $C=O$; r is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; t is 0, 1 or 2;

R^{11} is selected from hydrogen, halogen (particularly fluorine), C_{1-3} alkyl (e.g. methyl) and C_{1-3} alkoxy (e.g. methoxy);

R^{13} is selected from hydrogen, NHR^{14} , NOH , NOR^{14} and R^a-R^b ;

R^{14} is selected from hydrogen and R^a-R^b ;

R^d is selected from a bond, CO, $C(X^2)X^1$, SO_2 and SO_2NR^e ;

R^a , R^b and R^c are as hereinbefore defined; and

R^{15} is selected from C_{1-4} saturated hydrocarbonyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, C_{1-2} alkoxy, halogen or a monocyclic 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic group, provided that U and T cannot be O

5 simultaneously.

Examples of, and preferences, for the groups R^1 and R^2 are as set out above for compounds of the formulae (I), (Ia), (Ib) and (II) unless the context indicates otherwise.

Within formula (IV), r can be 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4. In one embodiment, r is 0. In another embodiment, r is 2, and in a further embodiment r is 4.

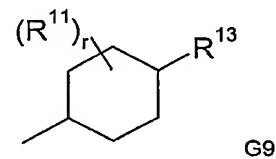
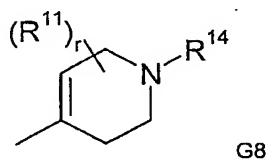
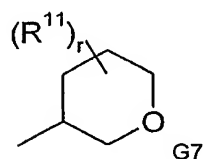
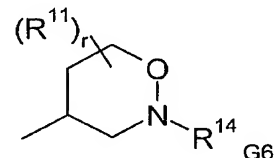
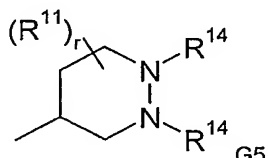
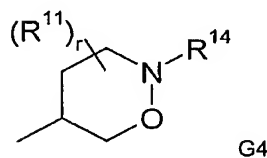
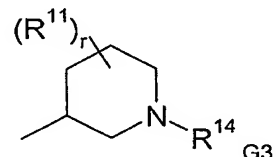
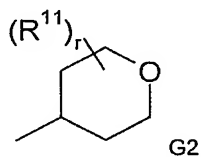
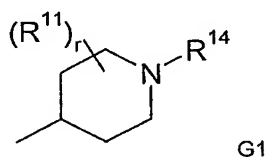
10 Within formula (IV), one sub-set of preferred compounds is the set of compounds where there is only a single bond between the carbon atoms numbered 1 and 2.

However, in another sub-set of compounds, there is a double bond between the carbon atoms numbered 1 and 2.

Another sub-set of compounds is characterised by *gem* disubstitution at the 2-carbon (when there is a single bond between carbon atoms numbers 1 and 2) and/or the 6-carbon. Preferred *gem* disubstituents include
15 difluoro and dimethyl.

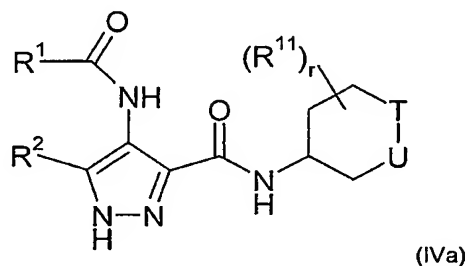
A further sub-set of compounds is characterised by the presence of an alkoxy group, for example a methoxy group at the carbon atom numbered 3, i.e. at a position α with respect to the group T.

Within formula (IV) are compounds wherein, for example, R^3 is selected from any of the following ring systems:



20 Preferred ring systems include G1 and G3.

A preferred sub-group of compounds within formula (IV) can be represented by the formula (IVa):



or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;

wherein R^1 and R^2 are as hereinbefore defined;

- 5 one of U and T is selected from CH_2 , CHR^{13} , $CR^{11}R^{13}$, NR^{14} , $N(O)R^{15}$, O and $S(O)_t$; and the other of U and T is selected from CH_2 , CHR^{11} , $C(R^{11})_2$, and $C=O$; r is 0, 1 or 2; t is 0, 1 or 2;

R^{11} is selected from hydrogen and C_{1-3} alkyl;

R^{13} is selected from hydrogen and R^a-R^b ;

R^{14} is selected from hydrogen and R^d-R^b ;

- 10 R^d is selected from a bond, CO, $C(X^2)X^1$, SO_2 and SO_2NR^c ;

R^a , R^b and R^c are as hereinbefore defined; and

R^{15} is selected from C_{1-4} saturated hydrocarbyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, C_{1-2} alkoxy, halogen or a monocyclic 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic group.

Examples of, and preferences, for the groups R^1 and R^2 are as set out above for compounds of the formulae

- 15 (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib) and (II) unless the context indicates otherwise.

In formula (IVa), T is preferably selected from CH_2 , CHR^{13} , $CR^{11}R^{13}$, NR^{14} , $N(O)R^{15}$, O and $S(O)_t$; and U is preferably selected from CH_2 , CHR^{11} , $C(R^{11})_2$, and $C=O$.

In the definitions for substituents R^{11} and R^{14} , R^b is preferably selected from hydrogen; monocyclic carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 7 ring members; and C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl (more preferably acyclic saturated C_{1-4} groups) optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, amino, mono- or di- C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, and monocyclic carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 7 ring members (more preferably 3 to 6 ring members) and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2 , NR^c , $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$;

R^c is selected from hydrogen and C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl; and

- 25 X^1 is O, S or NR^c and X^2 is $=O$, $=S$ or $=NR^c$.

R^{11} is preferably selected from hydrogen and methyl and most preferably is hydrogen.

R^{13} is preferably selected from hydrogen; hydroxy; halogen; cyano; amino; mono- C_{1-4} saturated hydrocarbylamino; di- C_{1-4} saturated hydrocarbylamino; monocyclic 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups; C_{1-4} saturated hydrocarbyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, C_{1-2} alkoxy, halogen or a monocyclic 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic group.

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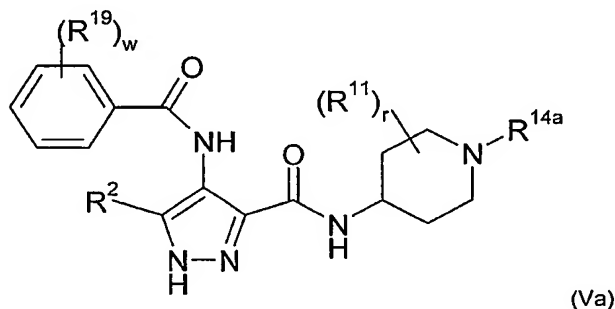
Particular examples of R^{13} are hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, C_{1-2} alkylamino (e.g. methylamino) C_{1-4} alkyl (e.g. methyl, ethyl, propyl and butyl), C_{1-2} alkoxy (e.g. methoxy), C_{1-2} alkylsulphonamido (e.g.

methanesulphonamido), hydroxy- C_{1-2} alkyl (e.g. hydroxymethyl), C_{1-2} -alkoxy- C_{1-2} alkyl (e.g. methoxymethyl and methoxyethyl), carboxy, C_{1-4} alkoxy-carbonyl (e.g. ethoxycarbonyl) and amino- C_{1-2} -alkyl (e.g. aminomethyl).

Particular examples of R^{14} are hydrogen; C_{1-4} alkyl optionally substituted by fluoro or a five or six membered saturated heterocyclic group (e.g. a group selected from (i) methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, butyl, 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl and tetrahydrofuranylmethyl; and/or (ii) 2-fluoroethyl and 2,2-difluoroethyl); cyclopropylmethyl; substituted or unsubstituted pyridyl- C_{1-2} alkyl (e.g. 2-pyridylmethyl); substituted or unsubstituted phenyl- C_{1-2} alkyl (e.g. benzyl); C_{1-4} alkoxy-carbonyl (e.g. ethoxycarbonyl and t-butyloxycarbonyl); substituted and unsubstituted phenyl- C_{1-2} alkoxy-carbonyl (e.g. benzyloxycarbonyl); substituted and unsubstituted 5- and 6-membered heteroaryl groups such as pyridyl (e.g. 2-pyridyl and 6-chloro-2-pyridyl) and pyrimidinyl (e.g. 2-pyrimidinyl); C_{1-2} -alkoxy- C_{1-2} alkyl (e.g. methoxymethyl and methoxyethyl); C_{1-4} alkylsulphonyl (e.g. methanesulphonyl).

Preferred compounds include those in which (i) U is CHR^{13} (more preferably CH_2) and T is NR^{14} , and (ii) T is CHR^{13} (more preferably CH_2) and U is NR^{14} .

One particular preferred sub-group of compounds of the formula (IV) can be represented by the formula (Va):



or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;

wherein R^{14a} is selected from hydrogen, C_{1-4} alkyl optionally substituted by fluoro (e.g. methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, butyl and 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl), cyclopropylmethyl, phenyl- C_{1-2} alkyl (e.g. benzyl), C_{1-4} alkoxy-carbonyl (e.g. ethoxycarbonyl and t-butyloxycarbonyl), phenyl- C_{1-2} alkoxy-carbonyl (e.g. benzyloxycarbonyl), C_{1-2} -alkoxy- C_{1-2} alkyl (e.g. methoxymethyl and methoxyethyl), and C_{1-4} alkylsulphonyl (e.g. methanesulphonyl), wherein the phenyl moieties when present are optionally substituted by one to three substituents selected from fluorine, chlorine, C_{1-4} alkoxy optionally substituted by fluoro or C_{1-2} -alkoxy, and C_{1-4} alkyl optionally substituted by fluoro or C_{1-2} -alkoxy;

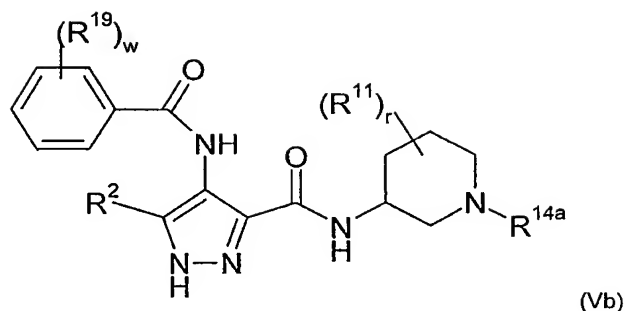
w is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R^2 is hydrogen or methyl, most preferably hydrogen;

R^{11} and r are as hereinbefore defined; and

R^{19} is selected from fluorine; chlorine; C_{1-4} alkoxy optionally substituted by fluoro or C_{1-2} -alkoxy; and C_{1-4} alkyl optionally substituted by fluoro or C_{1-2} -alkoxy.

Another particular preferred sub-group of compounds of the formula (IV) can be represented by the formula (Vb):



or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;

wherein R^{14a} is selected from hydrogen, C_{1-4} alkyl optionally substituted by fluoro (e.g. methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, butyl and 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl), cyclopropylmethyl, phenyl- C_{1-2} alkyl (e.g. benzyl), C_{1-4} alkoxycarbonyl (e.g. ethoxycarbonyl and t-butyloxycarbonyl), phenyl- C_{1-2} alkoxycarbonyl (e.g. benzyloxycarbonyl), C_{1-2} -alkoxy- C_{1-2} alkyl (e.g. methoxymethyl and methoxyethyl), and C_{1-4} alkylsulphonyl (e.g. methanesulphonyl), wherein the phenyl moieties when present are optionally substituted by one to three substituents selected from fluorine, chlorine, C_{1-4} alkoxy optionally substituted by fluoro or C_{1-2} -alkoxy, and C_{1-4} alkyl optionally substituted by fluoro or C_{1-2} -alkoxy;

w is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R^2 is hydrogen or methyl, most preferably hydrogen;

R^{11} and r are as hereinbefore defined; and

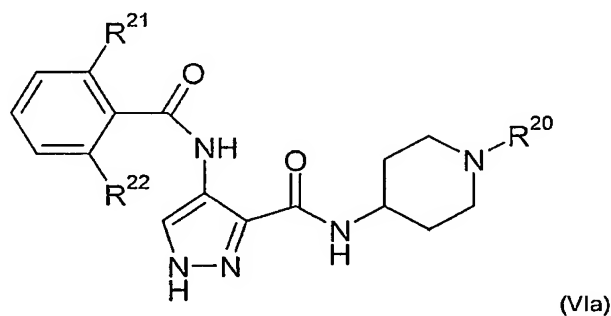
R^{19} is selected from fluorine; chlorine; C_{1-4} alkoxy optionally substituted by fluoro or C_{1-2} -alkoxy; and C_{1-4} alkyl optionally substituted by fluoro or C_{1-2} -alkoxy.

In formulae (Va) and (Vb), when w is 1, 2 or 3, it is preferred that the phenyl ring is 2-monosubstituted, 3-monosubstituted, 2,6-disubstituted, 2,3-disubstituted, 2,4-disubstituted, 2,5-disubstituted, 2,3,6-trisubstituted or 2,4,6-trisubstituted. Most preferably the phenyl ring is disubstituted at positions 2- and 6- with substituents selected from fluorine, chlorine and methoxy.

R^{11} is preferably hydrogen (or r is 0).

R^{14a} is most preferably hydrogen or methyl.

One preferred sub-group of compounds of the formula (Va) can be represented by the formula (VIa):



or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;

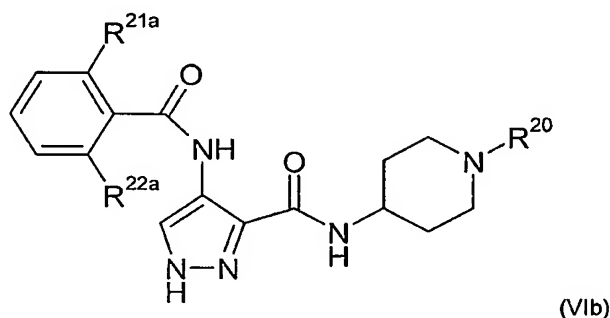
wherein R^{20} is selected from hydrogen and methyl;

R²¹ is selected from fluorine and chlorine; and

R²² is selected from fluorine, chlorine and methoxy; or

one of R²¹ and R²² is hydrogen and the other is selected from chlorine, methoxy, ethoxy, difluoromethoxy, trifluoromethoxy and benzyloxy.

- 5 Another preferred sub-group of compounds of the formula (Va) can be represented by the formula (VIb):



or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;

wherein R²⁰ is selected from hydrogen and methyl;

R^{21a} is selected from fluorine and chlorine; and

- 10 R^{22a} is selected from fluorine, chlorine and methoxy.

Particular compounds within formula (VIb) include:

4-(2,6-difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide;

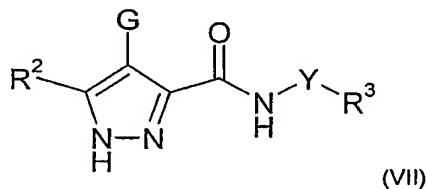
4-(2,6-difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (1-methyl-piperidin-4-yl)-amide;

4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide; and

- 15 4-(2-fluoro-6-methoxy-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide;

or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof.

A further group of compounds of the invention is represented by the formula (VII):



or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;

- 20 wherein R², R³ and Y are as hereinbefore defined and G is a 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring.

The group G can be an unsubstituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring or it can be a substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring bearing one or more substituents selected from the groups R¹⁰ and R^{10a} as hereinbefore defined

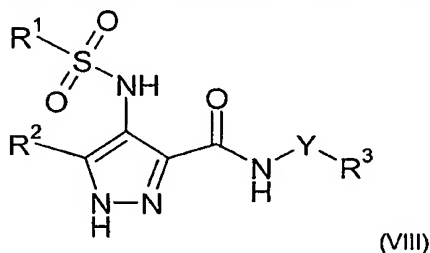
- 25 The carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring may be aromatic or non-aromatic and examples of such heterocyclic rings are set out above. In the context of the group G, preferred heterocyclic rings are those containing a nitrogen ring atom through which the group G is connected to the pyrazole ring. Particular heterocyclic rings are

saturated heterocyclic rings containing up to 3 nitrogen atoms (more usually up to 2, for example 1) and optionally an oxygen atom. Particular examples of such rings are six membered rings such as piperidine, piperazine, N-methyl piperazine and morpholine.

When the group G is a carbocyclic group, it can be, for example a 6-membered aryl ring. For example, the group G can be an unsubstituted phenyl group or it can be a substituted phenyl group bearing one or more substituents selected from the groups R^{10} and R^{10a} as hereinbefore defined. The substituents, when present, are more typically small substituents such as hydroxyl, halogen (e.g. fluorine and chlorine), and C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl (methyl, ethyl and cyclopropyl) optionally substituted by fluorine (e.g. trifluoromethyl) or hydroxy (e.g. hydroxymethyl).

In one general embodiment, when X is a non-aromatic heterocyclic group, then R^3 may be other than a six membered monocyclic aryl or heteroaryl group linked directly to a 5,6-fused bicyclic heteroaryl group.

A further group of compounds of the invention is represented by the formula (VIII):



or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;

wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and Y are as defined herein.

Preferred groups R^1 , R^2 , Y and R^3 are as set out above in the section headed "General Preferences and Definitions" and in relation to compounds of the formulae (I) and (II) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein.

For the avoidance of doubt, it is to be understood that each general and specific preference, embodiment and example of the groups R^1 may be combined with each general and specific preference, embodiment and example of the groups R^2 and/or R^3 and/or R^4 and/or R^{10} and/or Y and/or R^9 and/or sub-groups thereof as defined herein and that all such combinations are embraced by this application.

The various functional groups and substituents making up the compounds of the formula (I) are typically chosen such that the molecular weight of the compound of the formula (I) does not exceed 1000. More usually, the molecular weight of the compound will be less than 750, for example less than 700, or less than 650, or less than 600, or less than 550. More preferably, the molecular weight is less than 525 and, for example, is 500 or less.

Particular compounds of the formulae (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof are as illustrated in the examples below.

One particularly preferred compound is 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide and salts thereof, particularly acid addition salts such as the methanesulphonic acid, acetic acid and hydrochloric acid salts.

Salts, Solvates, Tautomers, Isomers, N-Oxides, Esters, Prodrugs and Isotopes

A reference to a compound of the formulae (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof or a particular further anti-cancer agents also includes ionic, salt, solvate, isomers, tautomers, N-oxides, ester, prodrugs, isotopes and protected forms thereof, for example, as discussed below. Preferably, the salts or tautomers or isomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof. More preferably, the salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof.

Many compounds of the formula (I) can exist in the form of salts, for example acid addition salts or, in certain cases salts of organic and inorganic bases such as carboxylate, sulphonate and phosphate salts. All such salts are within the scope of this invention, and references to compounds of the formula (I) include the salt forms of the compounds. As in the preceding sections of this application, all references to formula (I) should be taken to refer also to formulae (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof unless the context indicates otherwise.

Salt forms may be selected and prepared according to methods described in *Pharmaceutical Salts: Properties, Selection, and Use*, P. Heinrich Stahl (Editor), Camille G. Wermuth (Editor), ISBN: 3-90639-026-8, Hardcover, 388 pages, August 2002.

Acid addition salts may be formed with a wide variety of acids, both inorganic and organic. Examples of acid addition salts include salts formed with an acid selected from the group consisting of acetic, 2,2-dichloroacetic, adipic, alginic, ascorbic (e.g. L-ascorbic), L-aspartic, benzenesulphonic, benzoic, 4-acetamidobenzoic, butanoic, (+) camphoric, camphor-sulphonic, (+)-(1S)-camphor-10-sulphonic, capric, caproic, caprylic, carbonic, cinnamic, citric, cyclamic, dodecylsulphuric, ethane-1,2-disulphonic, ethanesulphonic, 2-hydroxyethanesulphonic, formic, fumaric, galactaric, gentisic, glucoheptonic, D-gluconic, glucuronic (e.g. D-glucuronic), glutamic (e.g. L-glutamic), α -oxoglutaric, glycolic, hippuric, hydrobromic, hydrochloric, hydriodic, isethionic, (+)-L-lactic, (\pm)-DL-lactic, lactobionic, maleic, malic, (-)-L-malic, malonic, (\pm)-DL-mandelic, methanesulphonic, naphthalene-2-sulphonic, naphthalene-1,5-disulphonic, 1-hydroxy-2-naphthoic, nicotinic, nitric, oleic, orotic, oxalic, palmitic, pamoic, phosphoric, propionic, L-pyroglutamic, salicylic, 4-amino-salicylic, sebacic, stearic, succinic, sulphuric, tannic, (+)-L-tartaric, thiocyanic, *p*-toluenesulphonic, undecylenic and valeric acids, as well as acylated amino acids and cation exchange resins.

One particular group of salts includes salts formed with an acid selected from the group consisting of acetic, adipic, alginic, ascorbic (e.g. L-ascorbic), aspartic (e.g. L-aspartic), benzenesulphonic, benzoic, camphoric (e.g. (+) camphoric), capric, caprylic, carbonic, citric, cyclamic, dodecanoate, dodecylsulphuric, ethane-1,2-disulphonic, ethanesulphonic, fumaric, galactaric, gentisic, glucoheptonic, D-gluconic, glucuronic (e.g. D-glucuronic), glutamic (e.g. L-glutamic), α -oxoglutaric, glycolic, hippuric, hydrochloric, isethionic, isobutyric, lactic (e.g. (+)-L-lactic and (\pm)-DL-lactic), lactobionic, laurylsulphonic, maleic, malic, (-)-L-malic, malonic, methanesulphonic, mucic, naphthalenesulphonic (e.g. naphthalene-2-sulphonic), naphthalene-1,5-disulphonic, nicotinic, oleic, orotic, oxalic, palmitic, pamoic, phosphoric, propionic, sebacic, stearic, succinic, sulphuric, tartaric (e.g. (+)-L-tartaric), thiocyanic, toluenesulphonic (e.g. *p*-toluenesulphonic), valeric and xinafoic acids.

Another particular group of salts consists of salts formed from hydrochloric, hydriodic, phosphoric, nitric, sulphuric, citric, lactic, succinic, maleic, malic, isethionic, fumaric, benzenesulphonic, toluenesulphonic,

methanesulphonic, ethanesulphonic, naphthalenesulphonic, valeric, acetic, propanoic, butanoic, malonic, glucuronic and lactobionic acids.

One preferred group of salts consists of salts formed from methanesulphonic, hydrochloric, acetic, adipic, L-aspartic and DL-lactic acids.

- 5 Particular salts are salts formed with hydrochloric, methanesulphonic and acetic acids. One preferred salt is the salt formed with methanesulphonic acid. Another preferred salt is the salt formed with acetic acid. A further preferred salt is the salt formed with hydrochloric acid.

For example, if the compound is anionic, or has a functional group which may be anionic (e.g., -COOH may be -COO⁻), then a salt may be formed with a suitable cation. Examples of suitable inorganic cations include, but
10 are not limited to, alkali metal ions such as Na⁺ and K⁺, alkaline earth cations such as Ca²⁺ and Mg²⁺, and other cations such as Al³⁺. Examples of suitable organic cations include, but are not limited to, ammonium ion (i.e., NH₄⁺) and substituted ammonium ions (e.g., NH₃R⁺, NH₂R₂⁺, NHR₃⁺, NR₄⁺). Examples of some suitable substituted ammonium ions are those derived from: ethylamine, diethylamine, dicyclohexylamine, triethylamine, butylamine, ethylenediamine, ethanolamine, diethanolamine, piperazine, benzylamine, phenylbenzylamine,
15 choline, meglumine, and tromethamine, as well as amino acids, such as lysine and arginine. An example of a common quaternary ammonium ion is N(CH₃)₄⁺.

Where the compounds of the formula (I) contain an amine function, these may form quaternary ammonium salts, for example by reaction with an alkylating agent according to methods well known to the skilled person. Such quaternary ammonium compounds are within the scope of formula (I).

- 20 The salt forms of the compounds of the invention are typically pharmaceutically acceptable salts, and examples of pharmaceutically acceptable salts are discussed in Berge *et al.*, 1977, "Pharmaceutically Acceptable Salts," *J. Pharm. Sci.*, Vol. 66, pp. 1-19. However, salts that are not pharmaceutically acceptable may also be prepared as intermediate forms which may then be converted into pharmaceutically acceptable salts. Such non-pharmaceutically acceptable salts forms, which may be useful, for example, in the purification or separation
25 of the compounds of the invention, also form part of the invention.

Particular salts for use in the preparation of liquid (e.g. aqueous) compositions of the compounds of formulae (I) and sub-groups and examples thereof as described herein are salts having a solubility in a given liquid carrier (e.g. water) of greater than 25 mg/ml of the liquid carrier (e.g. water), more typically greater than 50 mg/ml and preferably greater than 100 mg/ml.

- 30 In one embodiment of the invention, the compound of the formula (I) as defined herein is provided in the form of a pharmaceutical composition comprising an aqueous solution containing the said compound in the form of a salt in a concentration of greater than 25 mg/ml, typically greater than 50 mg/ml and preferably greater than 100 mg/ml.

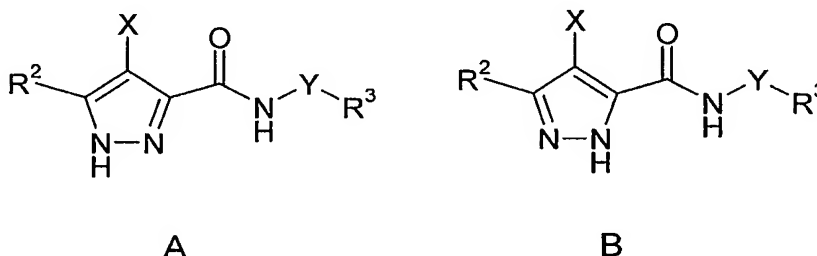
- 35 Compounds of the formula (I) containing an amine function may also form N-oxides. A reference herein to a compound of the formula (I) that contains an amine function also includes the N-oxide.

Where a compound contains several amine functions, one or more than one nitrogen atom may be oxidised to form an N-oxide. Particular examples of N-oxides are the N-oxides of a tertiary amine or a nitrogen atom of a nitrogen-containing heterocycle.

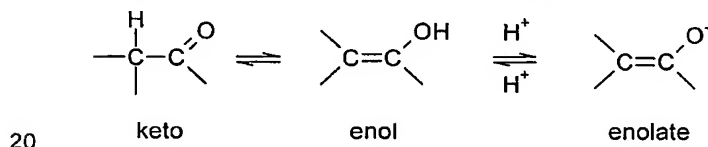
- 5 N-Oxides can be formed by treatment of the corresponding amine with an oxidizing agent such as hydrogen peroxide or a per-acid (e.g. a peroxycarboxylic acid), see for example *Advanced Organic Chemistry*, by Jerry March, 4th Edition, Wiley Interscience, pages. More particularly, N-oxides can be made by the procedure of L. W. Deady (*Syn. Comm.* 1977, 7, 509-514) in which the amine compound is reacted with *m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (MCPBA), for example, in an inert solvent such as dichloromethane.

- 10 Compounds of the formula (I) may exist in a number of different geometric isomeric, and tautomeric forms and references to compounds of the formula (I) include all such forms. For the avoidance of doubt, where a compound can exist in one of several geometric isomeric or tautomeric forms and only one is specifically described or shown, all others are nevertheless embraced by formula (I).

- 15 For example, in compounds of the formula (I) the pyrazole group may take either of the following two tautomeric forms A and B. For simplicity, the general formula (I) illustrates form A but the formula is to be taken as embracing both tautomeric forms.



Other examples of tautomeric forms include, for example, keto-, enol-, and enolate-forms, as in, for example, the following tautomeric pairs: keto/enol (illustrated below), imine/enamine, amide/imino alcohol, amidine/amidene, nitroso/oxime, thioketone/enethiol, and nitro/aci-nitro.



Where compounds of the formula (I) contain one or more chiral centres, and can exist in the form of two or more optical isomers, references to compounds of the formula (I) include all optical isomeric forms thereof (e.g. enantiomers, epimers and diastereoisomers), either as individual optical isomers, or mixtures (e.g. racemic mixtures) or two or more optical isomers, unless the context requires otherwise.

- 25 The optical isomers may be characterised and identified by their optical activity (i.e. as + and – isomers, or *d* and *l* isomers) or they may be characterised in terms of their absolute stereochemistry using the “R and S” nomenclature developed by Cahn, Ingold and Prelog, see *Advanced Organic Chemistry* by Jerry March, 4th Edition, John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1992, pages 109-114, and see also Cahn, Ingold & Prelog, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.*, 1966, 5, 385-415.

Optical isomers can be separated by a number of techniques including chiral chromatography (chromatography on a chiral support) and such techniques are well known to the person skilled in the art.

As an alternative to chiral chromatography, optical isomers can be separated by forming diastereoisomeric salts with chiral acids such as (+)-tartaric acid, (-)-pyroglutamic acid, (-)-di-toluoyl-L-tartaric acid, (+)-mandelic acid, (-)-malic acid, and (-)-camphorsulphonic, separating the diastereoisomers by preferential crystallisation, and then dissociating the salts to give the individual enantiomer of the free base.

Where compounds of the formula (I) exist as two or more optical isomeric forms, one enantiomer in a pair of enantiomers may exhibit advantages over the other enantiomer, for example, in terms of biological activity. Thus, in certain circumstances, it may be desirable to use as a therapeutic agent only one of a pair of enantiomers, or only one of a plurality of diastereoisomers. Accordingly, the invention provides compositions containing a compound of the formula (I) having one or more chiral centres, wherein at least 55% (e.g. at least 60%, 65%, 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90% or 95%) of the compound of the formula (I) is present as a single optical isomer (e.g. enantiomer or diastereoisomer). In one general embodiment, 99% or more (e.g. substantially all) of the total amount of the compound of the formula (I) may be present as a single optical isomer (e.g. enantiomer or diastereoisomer).

The compounds of the invention include compounds with one or more isotopic substitutions, and a reference to a particular element includes within its scope all isotopes of the element. For example, a reference to hydrogen includes within its scope ^1H , ^2H (D), and ^3H (T). Similarly, references to carbon and oxygen include within their scope respectively ^{12}C , ^{13}C and ^{14}C and ^{16}O and ^{18}O .

The isotopes may be radioactive or non-radioactive. In one embodiment of the invention, the compounds contain no radioactive isotopes. Such compounds are preferred for therapeutic use. In another embodiment, however, the compound may contain one or more radioisotopes. Compounds containing such radioisotopes may be useful in a diagnostic context.

Esters such as carboxylic acid esters and acyloxy esters of the compounds of formula (I) bearing a carboxylic acid group or a hydroxyl group are also embraced by Formula (I). Examples of esters are compounds containing the group $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OR}$, wherein R is an ester substituent, for example, a C_{1-7} alkyl group, a C_{3-20} heterocyclyl group, or a C_{5-20} aryl group, preferably a C_{1-7} alkyl group. Particular examples of ester groups include, but are not limited to, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OC}(\text{CH}_3)_3$, and $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OPh}$. Examples of acyloxy (reverse ester) groups are represented by $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})\text{R}$, wherein R is an acyloxy substituent, for example, a C_{1-7} alkyl group, a C_{3-20} heterocyclyl group, or a C_{5-20} aryl group, preferably a C_{1-7} alkyl group. Particular examples of acyloxy groups include, but are not limited to, $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})\text{CH}_3$ (acetoxyl), $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$, $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})\text{Ph}$, and $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$.

Also encompassed by formula (I) are any polymorphic forms of the compounds, solvates (e.g. hydrates), complexes (e.g. inclusion complexes or clathrates with compounds such as cyclodextrins, or complexes with metals) of the compounds, and pro-drugs of the compounds. By "prodrugs" is meant for example any compound that is converted *in vivo* into a biologically active compound of the formula (I).

For example, some prodrugs are esters of the active compound (e.g., a physiologically acceptable metabolically labile ester). During metabolism, the ester group $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OR}$ is cleaved to yield the active drug.

Such esters may be formed by esterification, for example, of any of the carboxylic acid groups ($-C(=O)OH$) in the parent compound, with, where appropriate, prior protection of any other reactive groups present in the parent compound, followed by deprotection if required.

Examples of such metabolically labile esters include those of the formula $-C(=O)OR$ wherein R is:

- 5 C₁₋₇alkyl
(e.g., -Me, -Et, -nPr, -iPr, -nBu, -sBu, -iBu, -tBu);
C₁₋₇aminoalkyl
(e.g., aminoethyl; 2-(N,N-diethylamino)ethyl; 2-(4-morpholino)ethyl); and
acyloxy-C₁₋₇alkyl
- 10 (e.g., acyloxymethyl;
acyloxyethyl;
pivaloyloxymethyl;
acetoxymethyl;
1-acetoxyethyl;
- 15 1-(1-methoxy-1-methyl)ethyl-carboxyloxyethyl;
1-(benzoyloxy)ethyl; isopropoxy-carboxyloxymethyl;
1-isopropoxy-carboxyloxyethyl; cyclohexyl-carboxyloxymethyl;
1-cyclohexyl-carboxyloxyethyl;
cyclohexyloxy-carboxyloxymethyl;
- 20 1-cyclohexyloxy-carboxyloxyethyl;
(4-tetrahydropyranyloxy) carboxyloxymethyl;
1-(4-tetrahydropyranyloxy)carboxyloxyethyl;
(4-tetrahydropyranyl)carboxyloxymethyl; and
1-(4-tetrahydropyranyl)carboxyloxyethyl).
- 25 Also, some prodrugs are activated enzymatically to yield the active compound, or a compound which, upon further chemical reaction, yields the active compound (for example, as in ADEPT, GDEPT, LIDEPT, etc.). For example, the prodrug may be a sugar derivative or other glycoside conjugate, or may be an amino acid ester derivative.

30 **Methanesulphonic acid and acetic acid addition salts of compound 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide**

The combinations of the invention may comprise any of the compounds, salts, solvates, tautomers and isotopes thereof and, where the context admits, N-oxides, other ionic forms and prodrugs, as described below.

- References to the compound 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide and its acid addition salts include within their scope all solvates, tautomers and isotopes thereof and, where the
- 35 context admits, N-oxides, other ionic forms and prodrugs.

The acid addition salt may be selected from salts formed with an acid selected from the group consisting of acetic, adipic, alginic, ascorbic (e.g. L-ascorbic), aspartic (e.g. L-aspartic), benzenesulphonic, benzoic, camphoric (e.g. (+) camphoric), capric, caprylic, carbonic, citric, cyclamic, dodecanoate, dodecylsulphuric, ethane-1,2-disulphonic, ethanesulphonic, fumaric, galactaric, gentisic, glucoheptonic, D-gluconic, glucuronic

(e.g. D-glucuronic), glutamic (e.g. L-glutamic), α -oxoglutaric, glycolic, hippuric, isethionic, isobutyric, lactic (e.g. (+)-L-lactic and (\pm)-DL-lactic), lactobionic, laurylsulphonic, maleic, malic, (-)-L-malic, malonic, methanesulphonic, mucic, naphthalenesulphonic (e.g. naphthalene-2-sulphonic), naphthalene-1,5-disulphonic, nicotinic, oleic, orotic, oxalic, palmitic, pamoic, phosphoric, propionic, sebacic, stearic, succinic, sulphuric, tartaric (e.g. (+)-L-tartaric), thiocyanic, toluenesulphonic (e.g. *p*-toluenesulphonic), valeric and xinafoic acids.

One sub-group of acid addition salts includes salts formed with an acid selected from the group consisting of acetic, adipic, ascorbic (e.g. L-ascorbic), aspartic (e.g. L-aspartic), caproic, carbonic, citric, dodecanoic, fumaric, galactaric, glucoheptonic, gluconic (e.g. D-gluconic), glucuronic (e.g. D-glucuronic), glutamic (e.g. L-glutamic), glycolic, hippuric, lactic (e.g. (+)-L-lactic and (\pm)-DL-lactic), maleic, palmitic, phosphoric, sebacic, stearic, succinic, sulphuric, tartaric (e.g. (+)-L-tartaric) and thiocyanic acids.

More particularly the salts are acid addition salts formed with an acid selected from methanesulphonic acid and acetic acid, and mixtures thereof.

In one embodiment, the salt is an acid addition salt formed with methanesulphonic acid.

In another embodiment, the salt is an acid addition salt formed with acetic acid.

For convenience the salts formed from methanesulphonic acid and acetic acid may be referred to herein as the methanesulphonate or mesylate salts and acetate salts respectively.

In the solid state, the salts can be crystalline or amorphous or a mixture thereof.

In one embodiment, the salts are amorphous.

In an amorphous solid, the three dimensional structure that normally exists in a crystalline form does not exist and the positions of the molecules relative to one another in the amorphous form are essentially random, see for example Hancock *et al. J. Pharm. Sci.* (1997), 86, 1).

In another embodiment, the salts are substantially crystalline; i.e. they are from 50% to 100% crystalline, and more particularly they may be at least 50% crystalline, or at least 60% crystalline, or at least 70% crystalline, or at least 80% crystalline, or at least 90% crystalline, or at least 95% crystalline, or at least 98% crystalline, or at least 99% crystalline, or at least 99.5% crystalline, or at least 99.9% crystalline, for example 100% crystalline.

In a further embodiment, the salts are selected from the group consisting of salts that are from 50% to 100% crystalline, salts that are at least 50% crystalline, salts that are at least 60% crystalline, salts that are at least 70% crystalline, salts that are at least 80% crystalline, salts that are at least 90% crystalline, salts that are at least 95% crystalline, salts that are at least 98% crystalline, salts that are at least 99% crystalline, salts that are at least 99.5% crystalline, and salts that are at least 99.9% crystalline, for example 100% crystalline.

More preferably the salts may be those (or may be selected from the group consisting of those) that are 95% to 100 % crystalline, for example at least 98% crystalline, or at least 99% crystalline, or at least 99.5% crystalline, or at least 99.6% crystalline or at least 99.7% crystalline or at least 99.8% crystalline or at least 99.9% crystalline, for example 100% crystalline.

One example of a substantially crystalline salt is a crystalline salt formed with methanesulphonic acid.

Another example of a substantially crystalline salt is a crystalline salt formed with acetic acid.

The salts, in the solid state, can be solvated (e.g. hydrated) or non-solvated (e.g. anhydrous).

5 In one embodiment, the salts are non-solvated (e.g. anhydrous). An example of a non-solvated salt is the crystalline salt formed with methanesulphonic acid as defined herein.

The term "anhydrous" as used herein does not exclude the possibility of the presence of some water on or in the salt (e.g. a crystal of the salt). For example, there may be some water present on the surface of the salt (e.g. salt crystal), or minor amounts within the body of the salt (e.g. crystal). Typically, an anhydrous form contains fewer than 0.4 molecules of water per molecule of compound, and more preferably contains fewer
10 than 0.1 molecules of water per molecule of compound, for example 0 molecules of water.

In another embodiment, the salts are solvated. Where the salts are hydrated, they can contain, for example, up to three molecules of water of crystallisation, more usually up to two molecules of water, e.g. one molecule of water or two molecules of water. Non-stoichiometric hydrates may also be formed in which the number of molecules of water present is less than one or is otherwise a non-integer. For example, where there is less
15 than one molecule of water present, there may be for example 0.4, or 0.5, or 0.6, or 0.7, or 0.8, or 0.9 molecules of water present per molecule of compound.

Other solvates include alcoholates such as ethanolates and isopropanolates.

The salts can be synthesized from the parent compound 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide by conventional chemical methods such as methods described in
20 *Pharmaceutical Salts: Properties, Selection, and Use*, P. Heinrich Stahl (Editor), Camille G. Wermuth (Editor), ISBN: 3-90639-026-8, Hardcover, 388 pages, August 2002. Generally, such salts can be prepared by reacting the parent compound 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide with the appropriate acid in water or in an organic solvent, or in a mixture of the two; generally, nonaqueous media such as ether, ethyl acetate, ethanol, isopropanol, or acetonitrile are used.

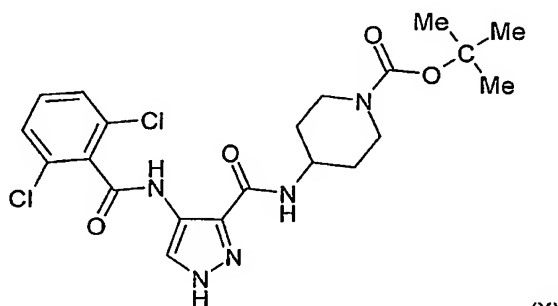
25 One method of preparing an acid addition salt of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide comprises forming a solution of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide free base in a solvent (typically an organic solvent) or mixture of solvents, and treating the solution with an acid to form a precipitate of the acid addition salt.

30 The acid may be added as a solution in a solvent which is miscible with the solvent in which the free base is dissolved. The solvent in which the free base is initially dissolved may be one in which the acid addition salt thereof is insoluble. Alternatively, the solvent in which the free base is initially dissolved may be one in which the acid addition salt is at least partially soluble, a different solvent in which the acid addition salt is less soluble subsequently being added such that the salt precipitates out of solution.

35 In an alternative method of forming an acid addition salt, 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide is dissolved in a solvent comprising a volatile acid and optionally a co-solvent, thereby to form a solution of the acid addition salt with the volatile acid, and the resulting solution is

then concentrated or evaporated to isolate the salt. An example of an acid addition salt that can be made in this way is the acetate salt.

In another aspect, the combination of the invention includes an acid addition salt of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide as defined herein, obtained (or obtainable) by
5 treating a compound of the formula (X):



with an organic or inorganic acid as defined herein, other than hydrochloric acid, in an organic solvent to remove the *tert*-butoxycarbonyl group and form an acid addition salt of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide with the organic or inorganic acid, and optionally isolating the
10 acid addition salt thus formed.

The salt is typically precipitated from the organic solvent as it is formed and hence can be isolated by separation of the solid from the solution, e.g. by filtration.

One salt form can be converted to the free base and optionally to another salt form by methods well known to the skilled person. For example, the free base can be formed by passing the salt solution through a column
15 containing an amine stationary phase (e.g. a Strata-NH₂ column). Alternatively, a solution of the salt in water can be treated with sodium bicarbonate to decompose the salt and precipitate out the free base. The free base may then be combined with another acid by one of the methods described above or elsewhere herein.

The methanesulphonate salt form is particularly advantageous because of its good stability at elevated temperatures and in conditions of high relative humidity, its non-hygroscopicity (as defined herein), absence of
20 polymorph and hydrate formation, and stability in aqueous conditions. Moreover, it has excellent water solubility and has better physiochemical properties (such as a high melting point) relative to other salts.

The term 'stable' or 'stability' as used herein includes chemical stability and solid state (physical) stability. The term 'chemical stability' means that the compound can be stored in an isolated form, or in the form of a formulation in which it is provided in admixture with for example, pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, diluents
25 or adjuvants as described herein, under normal storage conditions, with little or no chemical degradation or decomposition. 'Solid-state stability' means the compound can be stored in an isolated solid form, or the form of a solid formulation in which it is provided in admixture with, for example, pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, diluents or adjuvants as described herein, under normal storage conditions, with little or no solid-state transformation (e.g. hydration, dehydration, solvation, desolvation, crystallisation, recrystallisation or
30 solid-state phase transition).

The terms "non-hygroscopic" and "non-hygroscopicity" and related terms as used herein refer to substances that absorb less than 5% by weight (relative to their own weight) of water when exposed to conditions of high relative humidity, for example 90% relative humidity, and/or do not undergo changes in crystalline form in conditions of high humidity and/or do not absorb water into the body of the crystal (internal water) in conditions of high relative humidity.

Preferred salts for use in the combinations of the invention are acid addition salts (such as the mesylate and acetate and mixtures thereof as defined herein) having a solubility in a given liquid carrier (e.g. water) of greater than 15 mg/ml of the liquid carrier (e.g. water), more typically greater than 20 mg/ml, preferably greater than 25 mg/ml, and more preferably greater than 30 mg/ml.

10 In another aspect, there is provided a combination comprising an aqueous solution containing an acid addition salt of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide (such as the mesylate and acetate and mixtures thereof as defined herein, and preferably the mesylate) in a concentration of greater than 15 mg/ml, typically greater than 20 mg/ml, preferably greater than 25 mg/ml, and more preferably greater than 30 mg/ml..

15 In a preferred embodiment, the combination comprises an aqueous solution containing an acid addition salt of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide selected from an acetate or methanesulphonate salt or a mixture thereof in a concentration of greater than 15 mg/ml, typically greater than 20 mg/ml, preferably greater than 25 mg/ml, and more preferably greater than 30 mg/ml.

20 In another aspect, the combination of the invention includes an aqueous solution of an acid addition salt of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide (such as the mesylate and acetate and mixtures thereof as defined herein), wherein the aqueous solution has a pH of 2 to 12, for example 2 to 9, and more particularly 4 to 7.

In the aqueous solutions defined above, the acid addition salt may be any of the salts described herein but, in one preferred embodiment, is a mesylate or acetate salt as defined herein, and in particular the mesylate salt.

25 The combinations of the invention may include an aqueous solution of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide in protonated form together with one or more counter ions and optionally one or more further counter ions. In one embodiment one of the counter ions is selected from methanesulphonate and acetate. In another embodiment one of the counter ions is from the formulation buffer as described herein such as acetate. In a further embodiment there may be one or more further counter ions
30 such as a chloride ion (e.g. from saline).

The combinations of the invention may include an aqueous solution of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide in protonated form together with one or more counter ions selected from methanesulphonate and acetate and optionally one or more further counter ions such as a chloride ion.

35 In the situation where there is more than one counter ion the aqueous solution of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide in protonated form will potentially contain a

mixture of counter ions for example a mixture of methanesulphonate and acetate counter ions and optionally one or more further counter ions such as a chloride ion.

5 The combinations of the invention may include an aqueous solution of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide in protonated form together with one or more counter ions selected from methanesulphonate and acetate and optionally one or more further counter ions such as a chloride ion, and a mixture thereof.

10 The aqueous solutions can be formed *inter alia* by dissolving a mesylate salt in a solution of acetate ions (e.g. an acetate buffer) or by dissolving an acetate salt in a solution of mesylate ions. The mesylate and acetate ions may be present in the solution in a mesylate:acetate ratio of from 10:1 or less, for example 10:1 to 1:10, more preferably less than 8:1, or less than 7:1, or less than 6:1, or less than 5:1 or less than 4:1 or less than 3:1 or less than 2:1 or less than 1:1, more particularly from 1:1 to 1:10. In one embodiment, the mesylate and acetate ions are present in the solution in a mesylate:acetate ratio of from 1:1 to 1:10, for example 1:1 to 1:8, or 1:1 to 1:7 or 1:1 to 1:6 or 1:1 to 1:5, e.g. approximately 1:4.8.

The aqueous solutions of the salts may be buffered or unbuffered but in one embodiment are buffered.

15 In the context of the acid addition salt formed with methanesulphonic acid, a preferred buffer is a buffer formed from acetic acid and sodium acetate, for example at a solution pH of approximately 4.6. At this pH and in the acetate buffer, the methanesulphonic acid salt has a solubility of about 35 mg/ml.

20 The salts for use in the combinations of the invention are typically pharmaceutically acceptable salts, and examples of pharmaceutically acceptable salts are discussed in Berge *et al.*, 1977, "Pharmaceutically Acceptable Salts," *J. Pharm. Sci.*, Vol. 66, pp. 1-19. However, salts that are not pharmaceutically acceptable may also be prepared as intermediate forms which may then be converted into pharmaceutically acceptable salts. Such non-pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms therefore also form part of the invention.

Biological Activity

25 The further anti-cancer agents compounds of the combinations of the invention have activity against various cancers.

30 The compounds of the formulae (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof are inhibitors or modulators (in particular inhibitors) of one or more cyclin dependent kinases and/or glycogen synthase kinases, and in particular one or more cyclin dependent kinases selected from CDK1, CDK2, CDK3, CDK4, CDK5, CDK6 and CDK9, and more particularly selected from CDK1, CDK2, CDK3, CDK4, CDK5 and CDK9.

Preferred compounds of the formulae (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof are compounds that inhibit one or more CDK kinases selected from CDK1, CDK2, CDK4 and CDK9, for example CDK1 and/or CDK2.

35 The compounds of the formulae (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof may modulate or inhibit GSKs such as glycogen synthase kinase-3 (GSK3).

As a consequence of their activity in modulating or inhibiting CDK kinases and/or glycogen synthase kinases, and the activity of the further anticancer agents described herein, the combinations of the invention are expected to be useful in providing a means of arresting, or recovering control of, the cell cycle in abnormally dividing cells. It is therefore anticipated that the compounds will prove useful in treating or preventing proliferative disorders such as cancers.

CDKs play a role in the regulation of the cell cycle, apoptosis, transcription, differentiation and CNS function. Therefore, CDK inhibitors could be useful in the treatment of diseases in which there is a disorder of proliferation, apoptosis or differentiation such as cancer. In particular RB+ve tumours may be particularly sensitive to CDK inhibitors. RB-ve tumours may also be sensitive to CDK inhibitors.

Examples of cancers which may be inhibited include, but are not limited to, a carcinoma, for example a carcinoma of the bladder, breast, colon (e.g. colorectal carcinomas such as colon adenocarcinoma and colon adenoma), kidney, epidermis, liver, lung, for example adenocarcinoma, small cell lung cancer and non-small cell lung carcinomas, oesophagus, gall bladder, ovary, pancreas e.g. exocrine pancreatic carcinoma, stomach, cervix, thyroid, prostate, or skin, for example squamous cell carcinoma; a hematopoietic tumour of lymphoid lineage, for example leukemia, acute lymphocytic leukemia, B-cell lymphoma, T-cell lymphoma, Hodgkin's lymphoma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, hairy cell lymphoma, or Burkett's lymphoma; a hematopoietic tumour of myeloid lineage, for example acute and chronic myelogenous leukemias, myelodysplastic syndrome, or promyelocytic leukemia; thyroid follicular cancer; a tumour of mesenchymal origin, for example fibrosarcoma or habdomyosarcoma, a tumour of the central or peripheral nervous system, for example astrocytoma, neuroblastoma, glioma or schwannoma; melanoma; seminoma; teratocarcinoma; osteosarcoma; xeroderma pigmentosum; keratocanthoma; thyroid follicular cancer; Kaposi's sarcoma, B-cell lymphoma and chronic lymphocytic leukaemia.

The cancers may be cancers which are sensitive to inhibition of any one or more cyclin dependent kinases selected from CDK1, CDK2, CDK3, CDK4, CDK5 and CDK6, for example, one or more CDK kinases selected from CDK1, CDK2, CDK4 and CDK5, e.g. CDK1 and/or CDK2.

Whether or not a particular cancer is one which is sensitive to inhibition by a cyclin dependent kinase may be determined by means of a cell growth assay as set out in the examples below or by a method as set out in the section headed "Methods of Diagnosis".

Thus, in the pharmaceutical compositions, uses or methods of this invention for treating a disease or condition comprising abnormal cell growth, the disease or condition comprising abnormal cell growth in one embodiment is a cancer.

One group of cancers includes human breast cancers (e.g. primary breast tumours, node-negative breast cancer, invasive duct adenocarcinomas of the breast, non-endometrioid breast cancers); and mantle cell lymphomas. In addition, other cancers are colorectal and endometrial cancers.

Another sub-set of cancers includes breast cancer, ovarian cancer, colon cancer, prostate cancer, oesophageal cancer, squamous cancer and non-small cell lung carcinomas.

A further sub-set of cancers includes non small cell lung cancer, colon cancer, breast cancer, non-hodgkin's lymphoma, multiple myeloma and chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

Another sub-set of cancers includes hematopoietic tumours of lymphoid lineage, for example leukemia, chronic lymphocytic leukaemia, mantle cell lymphoma and B-cell lymphoma (such as diffuse large B cell lymphoma).

- 5 One particular cancer is chronic lymphocytic leukaemia.

Another particular cancer is mantle cell lymphoma.

Another particular cancer is diffuse large B cell lymphoma.

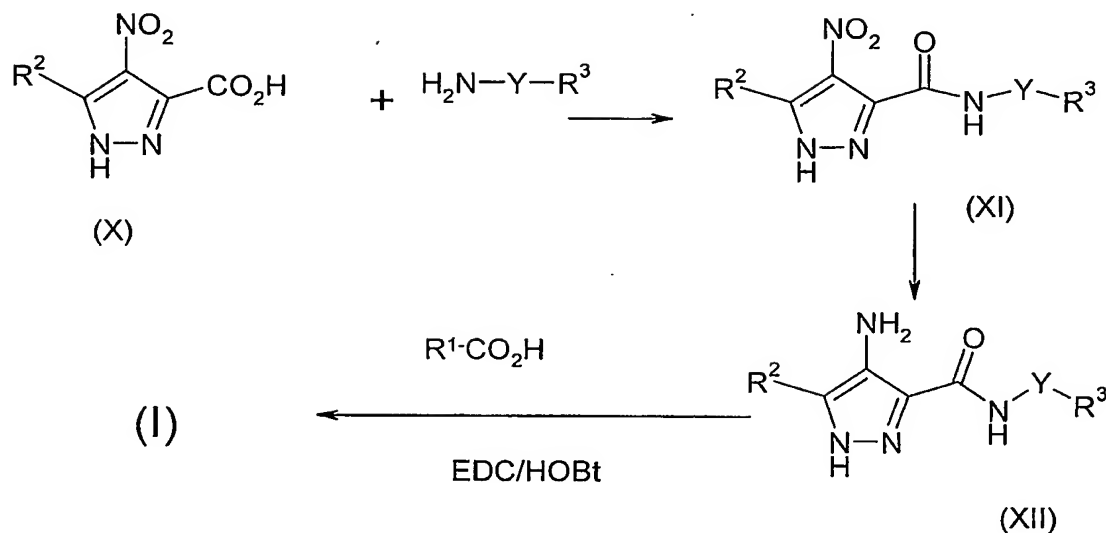
- 10 The activity of the compounds of the invention as inhibitors or modulators of cyclin dependent kinases and/or glycogen synthase kinases (e.g. GSK-3) can be measured using the assays set forth in the examples below and the level of activity exhibited by a given compound can be defined in terms of the IC₅₀ value. Preferred compounds of the present invention are compounds having an IC₅₀ value of less than 1 micromole, more preferably less than 0.1 micromole.

Methods for the Preparation of Compounds of Formula (I) of the Invention

- 15 Compounds of the formula (I) and the various sub-groups thereof can be prepared in accordance with synthetic methods well known to the skilled person. Unless stated otherwise, R¹, R², R³, Y, X and A are as hereinbefore defined.

In this section, as in all the other sections of this application, references to formula (I) should be taken to refer also to formulae (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof unless the context indicates otherwise.

- 20 Compounds of the formula (I) wherein R¹-A- forms an acyl group R¹-CO- can be prepared by reacting a carboxylic acid of the formula R¹-CO₂H or an activated derivative thereof with an appropriately substituted 4-amino-pyrazole as shown in Scheme 1.



Scheme 1

The starting material for the synthetic route shown in Scheme 1 is the 4-nitro-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (X) which can either be obtained commercially or can be prepared by nitration of the corresponding 4-unsubstituted pyrazole carboxy compound.

- 5 The 4-nitro-pyrazole carboxylic acid (X), or a reactive derivative thereof, is reacted with the amine $\text{H}_2\text{N}-\text{Y}-\text{R}^3$ to give the 4-nitro-amide (XI). The coupling reaction between the carboxylic acid (X) and the amine is preferably carried out in the presence of a reagent of the type commonly used in the formation of peptide linkages. Examples of such reagents include 1,3-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC) (Sheehan *et al*, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.* 1955, 77, 1067), 1-ethyl-3-(3'-dimethylaminopropyl)-carbodiimide (referred to herein either as EDC or EDAC
- 10 but also known in the art as EDCI and WSCDI) (Sheehan *et al*, *J. Org. Chem.*, 1961, 26, 2525), uronium-based coupling agents such as O-(7-azabenzotriazol-1-yl)-N,N',N'-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate (HATU) and phosphonium-based coupling agents such as 1-benzo-triazolyloxytris-(pyrrolidino)phosphonium hexafluorophosphate (PyBOP) (Castro *et al*, *Tetrahedron Letters*, 1990, 31, 205). Carbodiimide-based coupling agents are advantageously used in combination with 1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole (HOAt) (L. A. Carpino, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1993, 115, 4397) or 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBt) (Konig *et al*, *Chem. Ber.*, 103, 708, 2024-2034). Preferred coupling reagents include EDC (EDAC) and DCC in combination with HOAt or HOBt.

- The coupling reaction is typically carried out in a non-aqueous, non-protic solvent such as acetonitrile, dioxan, dimethylsulphoxide, dichloromethane, dimethylformamide or N-methylpyrrolidine, or in an aqueous solvent
- 20 optionally together with one or more miscible co-solvents. The reaction can be carried out at room temperature or, where the reactants are less reactive (for example in the case of electron-poor anilines bearing electron withdrawing groups such as sulphonamide groups) at an appropriately elevated temperature. The reaction may be carried out in the presence of a non-interfering base, for example a tertiary amine such as triethylamine or N,N-diisopropylethylamine.

As an alternative, a reactive derivative of the carboxylic acid, e.g. an anhydride or acid chloride, may be used. Reaction with a reactive derivative such as an anhydride is typically accomplished by stirring the amine and anhydride at room temperature in the presence of a base such as pyridine.

5 Amines of the formula H_2N-Y-R^3 can be obtained from commercial sources or can be prepared by any of a large number of standard synthetic methods well known those skilled in the art, see for example see *Advanced Organic Chemistry* by Jerry March, 4th Edition, John Wiley & Sons, 1992, and *Organic Syntheses*, Volumes 1-8, John Wiley, edited by Jeremiah P. Freeman (ISBN: 0-471-31192-8), 1995, and see also the methods described in the experimental section below.

10 The nitro-pyrazole amide (XI) is reduced to give the corresponding 4-amino-compound of the formula (XII). The reduction may be carried out by standard methods such as catalytic hydrogenation, for example in the presence of palladium on carbon in a polar solvent such as ethanol or dimethylformamide at room temperature. As an alternative, reduction may be effected using a reducing agent such as tin (II) chloride in ethanol, typically with heating, for example to the reflux temperature of the solvent.

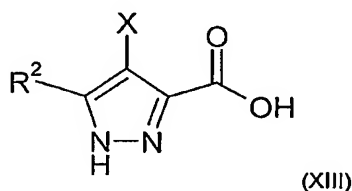
15 The 4-amino-pyrazole compound (XII) is then reacted with a carboxylic acid of the formula R^1-CO_2H , or a reactive derivative thereof, using the methods and conditions described above for the formation of the amide (XI), to give a compound of the formula (I).

Carboxylic acids of the formula R^1-CO_2H can be obtained commercially or can be synthesised according to methods well known to the skilled person, see for example *Advanced Organic Chemistry* and *Organic Syntheses*, the details for which are given above.

20 Compounds of the formula (I) in which X is a group R^1-A-NR^4 , where A is a bond, can be prepared from the 4-amino compounds of the formula (XII) by a number of methods. Reductive amination with an appropriately substituted aldehyde or ketone can be carried out in the presence of variety of reducing agents (see *Advanced Organic Chemistry* by Jerry March, 4th Edition, John Wiley & Sons, 1992, pp898-900. For example, reductive amination can be carried out in the presence of sodium triacetoxyborohydride in the presence of an aprotic solvent such as dichloromethane at or near ambient temperatures.

Compounds in which X is a group R^1-A-NR^4 where A is a bond can also be prepared by the reaction of the 4-amino pyrazole compound (XII) with a compound of the formula R^1-L in a nucleophilic displacement reaction where L is a leaving group such as a halogen.

30 In an alternative synthetic route, compounds of the formula (I) can be prepared by reaction of a compound of the formula (XIII) with a compound of the formula R^3-Y-NH_2 . The reaction can be carried out using the amide coupling conditions described above.



Compounds of the formula (I) where A is $\text{NH}(\text{C}=\text{O})$ can be prepared using standard methods for the synthesis of ureas. For example, such compounds can be prepared by reacting an aminopyrazole compound of the formula (XII) with a suitably substituted phenylisocyanate in a polar solvent such as DMF. The reaction is conveniently carried out at room temperature.

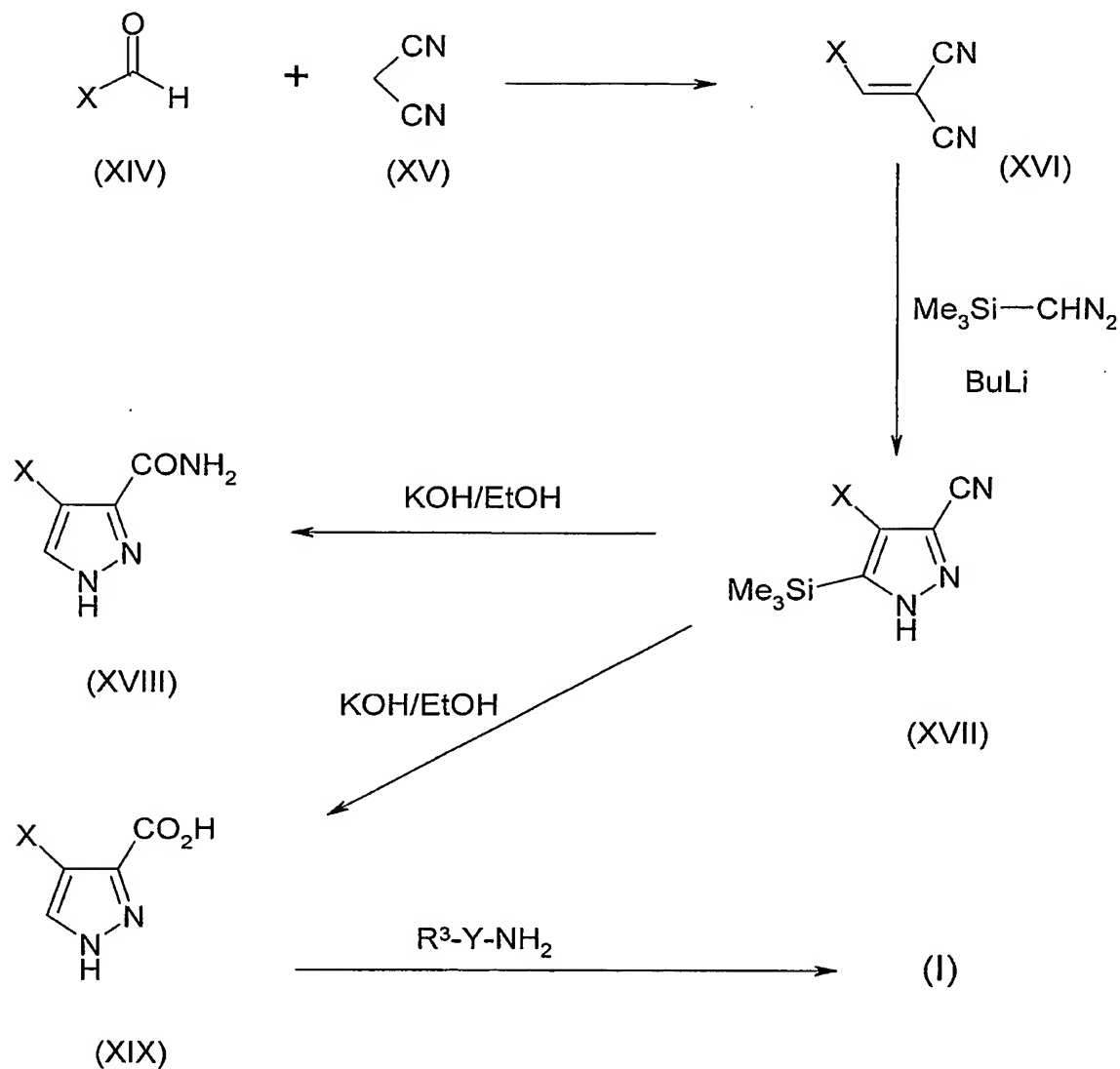
- 5 Compounds of the formula (I) where A is $\text{O}(\text{C}=\text{O})$ can be made using standard methods for the synthesis of carbamates, for example by reaction of an amino pyrazole compound of the formula (XII) with a chloroformate derivative of the formula $\text{R}^1\text{-O-C(O)-Cl}$ under conditions well known to the skilled person.

- 10 Compounds of the formula (I), wherein A is SO_2 , can be prepared from amino-compounds of the formula (XII) by standard methods for the formation of sulphonamides. For example, compounds of the formula (XII) can be reacted with sulphonyl chlorides of the formula $\text{R}^1\text{SO}_2\text{Cl}$ or anhydrides of the formula $(\text{R}^1\text{SO}_2)_2\text{O}$. The reaction is typically carried out in an aprotic solvent such as acetonitrile or a chlorinated hydrocarbon (for example dichloromethane) in the presence of a non-interfering base such as a tertiary amine (e.g. triethylamine) or pyridine, or diisopropylethyl amine (Hunigs base). Alternatively, where the base is a liquid, as is the case with pyridine, the base itself may be used as the solvent for the reaction.

- 15 Compounds wherein X is a 5- or 6-membered ring containing a carbon atom ring member linked to the pyrazole group can be prepared by the sequence of reactions set out in Scheme 2.

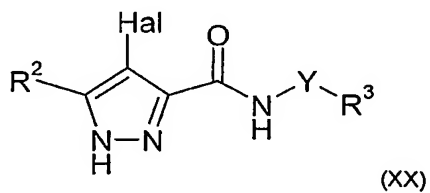
- 20 As shown in Scheme 2, an aldehyde (XIV) (in which X is a C-linked aryl or heteroaryl group such as phenyl) is condensed with malononitrile to give the alkyne (XVI). The reaction is typically carried out in a polar solvent such as ethanol in the presence of a base such as piperidine, usually with heating. The alkyne (XVI) is then reacted with trimethylsilyldiazomethane in the presence of an alkyl lithium such as butyl lithium to give the 5-trimethylsilyl pyrazole-3-nitrile (XVII). The reaction is carried out in a dry aprotic solvent such as THF under a protective atmosphere (e.g. nitrogen) at a reduced temperature (e.g. -78°C).

- 25 The nitrile (XVII) is hydrolysed with an alkali metal hydroxide such as potassium hydroxide to give the acid (XIX) and/or the amide (XVIII). Where a mixture of acid and amide are formed, they may be separated according to standard methods such as chromatography. The acid (XIX) can then be coupled with an amine of the formula $\text{R}^3\text{-Y-NH}_2$ under typical amide coupling conditions of the type described above to give the compound of the formula (I).



Scheme 2

Alternatively, compounds of the formula (I) in which X is a C-linked aryl or heteroaryl group such as phenyl can be prepared from compounds of the formula (XX):



where "Hal" is a halogen such as chlorine, bromine or iodine, by means of a Suzuki coupling reaction with the appropriate aryl or heteroaryl boronate. The reaction can be carried out under typical Suzuki Coupling conditions in the presence of a palladium catalyst such as bis(tri-*t*-butylphosphine)palladium and a base (e.g. a carbonate such as potassium carbonate). The reaction may be carried out in an aqueous solvent system, for example aqueous ethanol, and the reaction mixture is typically subjected to heating, for example to a temperature in excess of 100°C.

Compounds of the formula (XX) can be prepared from amino-pyrazole compounds of the formula (XII) by means of the Sandmeyer reaction (see *Advanced Organic Chemistry*, 4th edition, by Jerry March, John Wiley & Sons, 1992, page 723) in which the amino group is converted to a diazonium group by reaction with nitrous acid, and the diazonium compound is then reacted with a copper (I) halide such as Cu(I)Cl or Cu(I)I.

Once formed, one compound of the formula (I) may be transformed into another compound of the formula (I) using standard chemistry procedures well known in the art. For examples of functional group interconversions, see for example, *Fieser's Reagents for Organic Synthesis*, Volumes 1-17, John Wiley, edited by Mary Fieser (ISBN: 0-471-58283-2), and *Organic Syntheses*, Volumes 1-8, John Wiley, edited by Jeremiah P. Freeman (ISBN: 0-471-31192-8), 1995.

The starting materials for the synthetic routes shown in the Schemes above, e.g. the pyrazoles of formula (X), can either be obtained commercially or can be prepared by methods known to those skilled in the art. They can be obtained using known methods e.g. from ketones, such as in a process described in EP308020 (Merck), or the methods discussed by Schmidt in *Helv. Chim. Acta.*, 1956, 39, 986-991 and *Helv. Chim. Acta.*, 1958, 41, 306-309. Alternatively they can be obtained by conversion of a commercially available pyrazole, for example those containing halogen, nitro, ester, or amide functionalities, to pyrazoles containing the desired functionality by standard methods known to a person skilled in the art. For example, in 3-carboxy-4-nitropyrazole, the nitro group can be reduced to an amine by standard methods. 4-Nitro-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (XII) can either be obtained commercially or can be prepared by nitration of the corresponding 4-unsubstituted pyrazole carboxy compound, and pyrazoles containing a halogen, may be utilized in coupling reactions with tin or palladium chemistry.

Protecting Groups

In many of the reactions described above, it may be necessary to protect one or more groups to prevent reaction from taking place at an undesirable location on the molecule. Examples of protecting groups, and methods of protecting and deprotecting functional groups, can be found in *Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis* (T. Green and P. Wuts; 3rd Edition; John Wiley and Sons, 1999).

A hydroxy group may be protected, for example, as an ether (-OR) or an ester (-OC(=O)R), for example, as: a *t*-butyl ether; a tetrahydropyranyl (THP) ether; a benzyl, benzhydryl (diphenylmethyl), or trityl (triphenylmethyl) ether; a trimethylsilyl or *t*-butyldimethylsilyl ether; or an acetyl ester (-OC(=O)CH₃, -OAc).

An aldehyde or ketone group may be protected, for example, as an acetal (R-CH(OR)₂) or ketal (R₂C(OR)₂), respectively, in which the carbonyl group (>C=O) is converted to a diether (>C(OR)₂), by reaction with, for example, a primary alcohol. The aldehyde or ketone group is readily regenerated by hydrolysis using a large excess of water in the presence of acid.

An amine group may be protected, for example, as an amide (-NRCO-R) or a urethane (-NRCO-OR), for example, as: a methyl amide (-NHCO-CH₃); a benzyloxy amide (-NHCO-OCH₂C₆H₅, -NH-Cbz or NH-Z); as a t-butoxy amide (-NHCO-OC(CH₃)₃, -NH-Boc); a 2-biphenyl-2-propoxy amide (-NHCO-OC(CH₃)₂C₆H₄C₆H₅, -NH-Bpoc), as a 9-fluorenylmethoxy amide (-NH-Fmoc), as a 6-nitroveratryloxy amide (-NH-Nvoc), as a 2-trimethylsilylethoxy amide (-NH-Teoc), as a 2,2,2-trichloroethoxy amide (-NH-Troc), as an allyloxy amide (-NH-Alloc), or as a 2-(phenylsulphonyl)ethoxy amide (-NH-Psec).

For example, in Scheme 1 above, when the moiety R³ in the amine H₂N-Y-R³ contains a second amino group, such as a cyclic amino group (e.g. a piperidine or pyrrolidine group), the second amino group can be protected by means of a protecting group as hereinbefore defined, one preferred group being the *tert*-butyloxycarbonyl (Boc) group. Where no subsequent modification of the second amino group is required, the protecting group can be carried through the reaction sequence to give an N-protected form of a compound of the formula (I) which can then be de-protected by standard methods (e.g. treatment with acid in the case of the Boc group) to give the compound of formula (I).

Other protecting groups for amines, such as cyclic amines and heterocyclic N-H groups, include toluenesulphonyl (tosyl) and methanesulphonyl (mesyl) groups, benzyl groups such as a *para*-methoxybenzyl (PMB) group and tetrahydropyranyl (THP) groups.

A carboxylic acid group may be protected as an ester for example, as: an C₁₋₇ alkyl ester (e.g., a methyl ester; a t-butyl ester); a C₁₋₇ haloalkyl ester (e.g., a C₁₋₇ trihaloalkyl ester); a triC₁₋₇ alkylsilyl-C₁₋₇alkyl ester; or a C₅₋₂₀ aryl-C₁₋₇ alkyl ester (e.g., a benzyl ester; a nitrobenzyl ester); or as an amide, for example, as a methyl amide. A thiol group may be protected, for example, as a thioether (-SR), for example, as: a benzyl thioether; an acetamidomethyl ether (-S-CH₂NHC(=O)CH₃).

Isolation and purification of the compounds of the invention

The compounds of the invention can be isolated and purified according to standard techniques well known to the person skilled in the art. One technique of particular usefulness in purifying the compounds is preparative liquid chromatography using mass spectrometry as a means of detecting the purified compounds emerging from the chromatography column.

Preparative LC-MS is a standard and effective method used for the purification of small organic molecules such as the compounds described herein. The methods for the liquid chromatography (LC) and mass spectrometry (MS) can be varied to provide better separation of the crude materials and improved detection of the samples by MS. Optimisation of the preparative gradient LC method will involve varying columns, volatile eluents and modifiers, and gradients. Methods are well known in the art for optimising preparative LC-MS methods and then using them to purify compounds. Such methods are described in Rosentreter U, Huber U.; Optimal fraction collecting in preparative LC/MS; *J Comb Chem.*; 2004; 6(2), 159-64 and Leister W, Strauss K, Wisnoski D, Zhao Z, Lindsley C., Development of a custom high-throughput preparative liquid chromatography/mass spectrometer platform for the preparative purification and analytical analysis of compound libraries; *J Comb Chem.*; 2003; 5(3); 322-9.

An example of such a system for purifying compounds via preparative LC-MS is described below in the Examples section of this application (under the heading "Mass Directed Purification LC-MS System").

However, it will be appreciated that alternative systems and methods to those described could be used. In particular, normal phase preparative LC based methods might be used in place of the reverse phase methods described here. Most preparative LC-MS systems utilise reverse phase LC and volatile acidic modifiers, since the approach is very effective for the purification of small molecules and because the eluents are compatible with positive ion electrospray mass spectrometry. Employing other chromatographic solutions e.g. normal phase LC, alternatively buffered mobile phase, basic modifiers etc as outlined in the analytical methods described below could alternatively be used to purify the compounds.

Anti-cancer agents for use in the combinations of the invention

Any of a wide variety of further anti-cancer agents may be used in the combinations of the invention. The anti-cancer agents compounds of the combinations of the invention have activity against various cancers.

Preferably, the two or more further anti-cancer agents for use in combination with the compounds of the invention as described herein are independently selected from the following classes:

1. hormones, hormone agonists, hormone antagonists and hormone modulating agents (including antiandrogens, antiestrogens and GNRAs);
2. monoclonal antibodies (e.g. monoclonal antibodies to cell surface antigen(s));
3. camptothecin compounds;
4. antimetabolites;
5. vinca alkaloids;
6. taxanes;
7. platinum compounds;
8. DNA binders and Topo II inhibitors (including anthracycline derivatives);
9. alkylating agents (including aziridine, nitrogen mustard and nitrosourea alkylating agents);
10. signalling inhibitors (including PKB signalling pathway inhibitors);
11. CDK inhibitors;
12. COX-2 inhibitors;
13. HDAC inhibitors;
14. DNA methylase inhibitors;
15. proteasome inhibitors;
16. a combination of two or more of the foregoing classes (4), (6) and/or (10);
17. a combination of two or more of the foregoing classes (3)-(8) and/or (10);
18. a combination of two or more of the foregoing classes (9) and/or (11)-(15);
19. a combination of two or more of the foregoing classes (1)-(18).

A reference to a particular anti-cancer agent herein is intended to include ionic, salt, solvate, isomers, tautomers, N-oxides, ester, prodrugs, isotopes and protected forms thereof (preferably the salts or tautomers or isomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof, and more preferably, the salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof).

1. Hormones, hormone agonists, hormone antagonists and hormone modulating agents

Definition: The terms "antiandrogen", "antiestrogen", "antiandrogen agent" and "antiestrogen agent" as used herein refers to those described herein and analogues thereof, including the ionic, salt, solvate, isomers, tautomers, N-oxides, ester, prodrugs, isotopes and protected forms thereof (preferably the salts or tautomers or isomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof, and more preferably, the salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof), as described above.

Biological activity: The hormones, hormone agonists, hormone antagonists and hormone modulating agents (including the antiandrogens and antiestrogen agents) working via one or more pharmacological actions as described herein have been identified as suitable anti-cancer agents.

Technical background: Hormonal therapy plays an important role in the treatment of certain types of cancer where tumours are formed in tissues that are sensitive to hormonal growth control such as the breast and prostate. Thus, for example, estrogen promotes growth of certain breast cancers and testosterone promotes growth of some prostate cancers. Since the growth of such tumours is dependent on specific hormones, considerable research has been carried out to investigate whether it is possible to affect tumour growth by increasing or decreasing the levels of certain hormones in the body. Hormonal therapy attempts to control tumour growth in these hormone-sensitive tissues by manipulating the activity of the hormones.

With regard to breast cancer, tumour growth is stimulated by estrogen, and antiestrogen agents have therefore been proposed and widely used for the treatment of this type of cancer. One of the most widely used of such agents is tamoxifen which is a competitive inhibitor of estradiol binding to the estrogen receptor (ER). When bound to the ER, tamoxifen induces a change in the three-dimensional shape of the receptor, inhibiting its binding to the estrogen responsive element on DNA. Under normal physiological conditions, estrogen stimulation increases tumour cell production of transforming growth cell b (TGF-b), an autocrine inhibitor of tumour cell growth. By blocking these pathways, the net effect of tamoxifen treatment is to decrease the autocrine stimulation of breast cancer growth. In addition, tamoxifen decreases the local production of insulin-like growth factor (IGF-1) by surrounding tissues: IGF- I is a paracrine growth factor for the breast cancer cell (Jordan and Murphy, Endocr. Rev., 1990, 1 1; 578-610). Tamoxifen is the endocrine treatment of choice for post-menopausal women with metastatic breast cancer or at a high risk of recurrences from the disease. Tamoxifen is also used in pre-menopausal women with ER-positive tumours. There are various potential side-effects of long-term tamoxifen treatment, for example the possibility of endometrial cancer and the occurrence of thrombo-embolic events.

Other estrogen receptor antagonists or selective estrogen receptor modulators (SERMs) include fulvestrant, toremifene and raloxifene. Fulvestrant which has the chemical name 7- α -[9-(4,4,5,5,5-pentafluoropentylsulphonyl)-nonyl] estro-1,3,5-(10)- triene-3,17-beta-diol, is used as a second line treatment of advanced breast cancer but side-effects include hot flushes and endometrial stimulation. Toremifene is a non-steroidal SERM, which has the chemical name 2-(4-[(Z)-4-chloro-1,2-diphenyl-1-butenyl]-phenoxy)- N,N-dimethylethylamine, and is used for the treatment of metastatic breast cancer, side-effects including hot flushes, nausea and dizziness. Raloxifene is a benzothiophene SERM, which has the chemical name [6-hydroxy-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)benzo[b]thien-3-yl]-[4-[2-(1-piperidinyl)ethoxy]-phenyl]-methanone hydrochloride, and is being investigated for the treatment of breast cancer, side-effects including hot flushes and leg cramps.

With regard to prostate cancer, such cancer cells have a high level of expression of androgen receptor, and antiandrogens have therefore been used to treat the disease. Antiandrogens are androgen receptor antagonists which bind to the androgen receptor and prevent dihydrotestosterone from binding.

Dihydrotestosterone stimulates new growth of prostate cells, including cancerous prostate cells. An example of an antiandrogen is bicalutamide, which has the chemical name (R,S)-N-(4-cyano-3-(4-fluorophenylsulfonyl)-2-hydroxy-2-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)propanamide, and has been approved for use in combination with luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone (LHRH) analogs for the treatment of advanced prostate cancer, side effects including hot flushes, bone pain, hematuria and gastro-intestinal symptoms.

- 10 A further type of hormonal cancer treatment comprises the use of progestin analogs. Progestin is the synthetic form of progesterone. Progesterone is a hormone secreted by the ovaries and endometrial lining of the uterus. Acting with estrogen, progesterone promotes breast development and growth of endometrial cells during the menstrual cycle. It is believed that progestins may act by suppressing the production of estrogen from the adrenal glands (an alternate source particularly in post-menopausal women), lowering estrogen receptor levels, or altering tumour hormone metabolism.

Progestin analogs are commonly used in the management of advanced uterine cancer. They can also be used for treating advanced breast cancer, although this use is less common, due to the numerous anti-estrogen treatment options available. Occasionally, progestin analogs are used as hormonal therapy for prostate cancer.

- 20 An example of a progestin analog is megestrol acetate (a.k.a. megestrol acetate), which has the chemical name 17 α -acetyloxy-6-methylpregna-4,6-diene-3, 20-dione, and is a putative inhibitor of pituitary gonadotrophin production with a resultant decrease in estrogen secretion. The drug is used for the palliative treatment of advanced carcinoma of the breast or endometrium (i.e., recurrent, inoperable, or metastatic disease), side-effects including oedema and thromboembolic episodes.

25 *Preferences and specific embodiments:* A particularly preferred antiestrogen agent for use in accordance with the invention is tamoxifen. Tamoxifen is commercially available for example from AstraZeneca plc under the trade name Nolvadex, or may be prepared for example as described in U.K. patent specifications 1064629 and 1354939, or by processes analogous thereto.

30 Other preferred antiestrogen agents include fulvestrant, raloxifene and toremifene. Yet another preferred antiestrogen agent is droloxifene. Fulvestrant is commercially available for example from AstraZeneca plc under the trade name Faslodex, or may be prepared for example as described in European patent specification No.138504, or by processes analogous thereto. Raloxifene is commercially available for example from Eli Lilly and Company under the trade name Evista, or may be prepared for example as described in U.S. patent specification No. 4418068, or by processes analogous thereto. Toremifene is commercially available for example from Schering Corporation under the trade name Fareston, or may be prepared for example as described in U.S. patent specification No. 4696949, or by processes analogous thereto. The antiestrogen agent droloxifene, which may be prepared for example as described in U.S. patent specification No. 5047431, or by processes analogous thereto, can also be used in accordance with the invention.

A preferred antiandrogen for use in accordance with the invention is bicalutamide which is commercially available for example from AstraZeneca plc under the trade name Casodex, or may be prepared for example

as described in European patent specification No. 100172, or by processes analogous thereto. Other preferred antiandrogens for use in accordance with the invention include tamoxifen, fulvestrant, raloxifene, toremifene, droloxifene, letrozole, anastrozole, exemestane, bicalutamide, leuprolide, megestrol/megestrel acetate, aminoglutethimide and bexarotene.

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A preferred progestin analog is megestrol/megestrel acetate which is commercially available for example from Bristol-Myers Squibb Corporation under the trade name Megace, or may be prepared for example as described in US Patent Specification No. 2891079, or by processes analogous thereto.

10 Thus, specific embodiments of these anti-cancer agents for use in the combinations of the invention include: tamoxifen; toremifene; raloxifene; medroxyprogesterone; megestrol/megestrel; aminoglutethimide; letrozole; anastrozole; exemestane; goserelin; leuprolide; abarelix; fluoxymestrone; diethylstilbestrol; ketacanazole; fulvestrant; flutamide; bicalutimide; nilutamide; cyproterone and buserelin.

15 Thus, contemplated for use in the combinations of the invention are antiandrogens and antiestrogens.

In other embodiments, the hormone, hormone agonist, hormone antagonist or hormone modulating agent is fulvestrant, raloxifene, droloxifene, toremifene, megestrol/megestrel and bexarotene.

20 *Posology:* The antiandrogen or antiestrogen agent is advantageously administered in a dosage of about 1 to 100mg daily depending on the particular agent and the condition being treated. Tamoxifen is advantageously administered orally in a dosage of 5 to 50 mg, preferably 10 to 20 mg twice a day, continuing the therapy for sufficient time to achieve and maintain a therapeutic effect.

25 With regard to the other preferred antiestrogen agents: fulvestrant is advantageously administered in the form of a 250 mg monthly injection; toremifene is advantageously administered orally in a dosage of about 60 mg once a day, continuing the therapy for sufficient time to achieve and maintain a therapeutic effect; droloxifene is advantageously administered orally in a dosage of about 20-100 mg once a day; and raloxifene is advantageously administered orally in a dosage of about 60 mg once a day.

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With regard to the preferred antiandrogen bicalutamide, this is generally administered in an oral dosage of 50 mg daily.

35 With regard to the preferred progestin analog megestrol/megestrel acetate, this is generally administered in an oral dosage of 40 mg four times daily.

The dosages noted above may generally be administered for example once, twice or more per course of treatment, which may be repeated for example every 7, 14, 21 or 28 days.

40 Aromatase inhibitors

Of the hormones, hormone agonists, hormone antagonists and hormone modulating agents for use in the combinations of the invention, preferred are aromatase inhibitors.

5 In post-menopausal women, the principal source of circulating estrogen is from conversion of adrenal and ovarian androgens (androstenedione and testosterone) to estrogens (estrone and estradiol) by the aromatase enzyme in peripheral tissues. Estrogen deprivation through aromatase inhibition or inactivation is an effective and selective treatment for some post-menopausal patients with hormone-dependent breast cancer. Examples of such hormone modulating agents include aromatase inhibitors or inactivators, such as exemestane, anastrozole, letrozole and aminoglutethimide.

10 Exemestane, which has the chemical name 6-methylenandrosta-1,4-diene-3,17-dione, is used for the treatment of advanced breast cancer in post-menopausal women whose disease has progressed following tamoxifen therapy, side effects including hot flashes and nausea. Anastrozole, which has the chemical name, $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha',\alpha'$ -tetramethyl-5-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-ylmethyl)-1,3-benzenediacetonitrile, is used for adjuvant treatment of post-menopausal women with hormone receptor-positive early breast cancer, and also for the first-line treatment of post-menopausal women with hormone receptor-positive or hormone receptor-unknown locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer, and for the treatment of advanced breast cancer in post-menopausal women with disease progression following tamoxifen therapy. Administration of anastrozole usually results in side-effects including gastrointestinal disturbances, rashes and headaches. Letrozole, which has the chemical name 4,4'-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-ylmethylene)-dibenzonitrile, is used for first-line treatment of post-menopausal women with hormone receptor-positive or hormone receptor-unknown locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer, and for the treatment of advanced breast cancer in post-menopausal women with disease progression following antiestrogen therapy, possible side-effects including occasional transient thrombocytopenia and elevation of liver transaminases. Aminoglutethimide, which has the chemical name 3-(4-aminophenyl)-3-ethyl-2,6-piperidinedione, is also used for treating breast cancer but suffers from the side-effects of skin rashes and less commonly thrombocytopenia and leukopenia.

25 Preferred aromatase inhibitors include letrozole, anastrozole, exemestane and aminoglutethimide. Letrozole is commercially available for example from Novartis A.G. under the trade name Femara, or may be prepared for example as described in U.S. patent specification No. 4978672, or by processes analogous thereto. Anastrozole is commercially available for example from AstraZeneca p1c under the trade name Arimidex, or may be prepared for example as described in U.S. Patent Specification No. 4935437, or by processes analogous thereto. Exemestane is commercially available for example from Pharmacia Corporation under the trade name Aromasin, or may be prepared for example as described in U.S. patent specification No. 4978672, or by processes analogous thereto. Aminoglutethimide is commercially available for example from Novartis A.G. under the trade name Cytadren, or may be prepared for example as described in U.S. patent specification No 2848455, or by processes analogous thereto. The aromatase inhibitor vorozole, which may be prepared for example as described in European patent specification No. 293978, or by processes analogous thereto, can also be used in accordance with the invention.

40 With regard to the preferred aromatase inhibitors, these are generally administered in an oral daily dosage in the range 1 to 1000 mg, for example letrozole in a dosage of about 2.5 mg once a day; anastrozole in a dosage of about 1mg once a day; exemestane in a dosage of about 25 mg once a day; and aminoglutethimide in a dosage of 250 mg 2-4 times daily.

Particularly preferred are aromatase inhibitors selected from the agents described herein, for example, letrozole, anastrozole, exemestane and aminoglutethimide.

GNRAs

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Of the hormones, hormone agonists, hormone antagonists and hormone modulating agents for use in the combinations of the invention, preferred are agents of the GNRA class.

10 *Definition:* As used herein the term GNRA is intended to define gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) agonists and antagonists (including those described below), together with the ionic, salt, solvate, isomers, tautomers, N-oxides, ester, prodrugs, isotopes and protected forms thereof (preferably the salts or tautomers or isomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof, and more preferably, the salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof), as described above.

15 *Technical background:* When released from the hypothalamus in the brain, gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) agonists stimulate the pituitary gland to produce gonadotropins. Gonadotropins are hormones that stimulate androgen synthesis in the testes and estrogen synthesis in the ovaries. When GnRH agonists are first administered, they can cause an increase in gonadotropin release, but with continued administration, GnRH will block gonadotropin release, and therefore decrease the synthesis of androgen and estrogen. GnRH analogs
20 are used to treat metastatic prostate cancer. They have also been approved for treatment of metastatic breast cancer in pre-menopausal women. Examples of GnRH analogs include goserelin acetate and leuprolide acetate. In contrast GnRH antagonists such as abarelix cause no initial GnRH surge since they have no agonist effects. However, due to their narrow therapeutic index, their use is currently limited to advanced prostate cancer that is refractory to other hormonal treatment such as GnRH agonists and anti-androgens.

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Goserelin acetate is a synthetic decapeptide analog of LHRH or GnRH, and has the chemical structure is pyro-Glu-His-Trp-Ser-Tyr-D-Ser(Bu)-Leu-Arg-Pro-Azgly-NH₂ acetate, and is used for the treatment of breast and prostate cancers and also endometriosis, side effects including hot flashes, bronchitis, arrhythmias, hypertension, anxiety and headaches. Leuprolide acetate is a synthetic nonapeptide analog of GnRH or LHRH,
30 and has the chemical name 5-oxo-L-prolyl-L-histidyl-L-tryptophyl-L-seryl-L-tyrosyl-D-leucyl-L-leucyl-L-arginyl-N-ethyl-L-prolinamide acetate. Leuprolide acetate is used for the treatment of prostate cancer, endometriosis, and also breast cancer, side effects being similar to those of goserelin acetate.

35 Abarelix is a synthetic decapeptide Ala-Phe-Ala-Ser-Tyr-Asn-Leu-Lys-Pro-Ala, and has the chemical name N-Acetyl-3-(2-naphthalenyl)-D-alanyl-4-chloro-D-phenylalanyl-3-(3-pyridinyl)-D-alanyl-L-seryl-N-methyl-L-tyrosyl-D-asparaginy-L-leucyl-N6-(1-methylethyl)-L-lysyl-L-prolyl-D-alaninamide. Abarelix can be prepared according to R. W. Roeske, WO9640757 (1996 to Indiana Univ. Found.).

40 *Preferences and specific embodiments:* Preferred GnRH agonists and antagonists for use in accordance with the invention include any of the GNRAs described herein, including in particular goserelin, leuprolide/leuporelin, triptorelin, buserelin, abarelix, goserelin acetate and leuprolide acetate. Particularly preferred are goserelin and leuprolide. Goserelin acetate is commercially available for example from AstraZeneca plc under the trade name Zoladex, or may be prepared for example as described in U.S. Patent Specification No. 5510460, or by

processes analogous thereto. Leuprolide acetate is commercially available for example from TAP Pharmaceuticals Inc. under the trade name Lupron, or may be prepared for example as described in U.S. Patent Specification No. 3914412, or by processes analogous thereto. Goserelin is commercially available from AstraZeneca under the trade name Zoladex may be prepared for example as described in ICI patent publication US4100274 or Hoechst patent publication EP475184 or by processes analogous thereto. Leuprolide is commercially available in the USA from TAP Pharmaceuticals Inc. under the trade name Lupron and in Europe from Wyeth under the trade name Prostag and may be prepared for example as described in Abbott patent publication US4005063 or by processes analogous thereto. Triptorelin is commercially available from Watson Pharma under the trade name Trelstar and may be prepared for example as described in Tulane patent publication US5003011 or by processes analogous thereto. Buserelin is commercially available under the trade name Suprefact and may be prepared for example as described in Hoechst patent publication US4024248 or by processes analogous thereto. Abarelix is commercially available from Praecis Pharmaceuticals under the trade name Plenaxis and may be prepared for example as described by Jiang *et al.*, J Med Chem (2001), 44(3), 453-467 or Polypeptide Laboratories patent publication WO2003055900 or by processes analogous thereto.

Other GnRH agonists and antagonists for use in accordance with the invention include, but are not limited to, Histrelin from Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp, Nafarelin acetate from Roche, and Deslorelin from Shire Pharmaceuticals.

Posology: The GnRH agonists and antagonists are advantageously administered in dosages of 1.8mg to 100mg, for example 3.6mg monthly or 10.8mg every three months for goserelin or 7.5mg monthly, 22.5mg every three months or 30mg every four months for leuprolide.

With regard to the preferred GnRH analogs, these are generally administered in the following dosages, namely goserelin acetate as a 3.6 mg subcutaneous implant every 4 weeks, and leuprolide as a 7.5 mg intramuscular depot every month.

2. Monoclonal antibodies.

Any monoclonal antibody (e.g. to one or more cell surface antigen(s)) may be used in the combinations of the invention. Antibody specificity may be assayed or determined using any of a wide variety of techniques well-known to those skilled in the art.

Definition: The term "monoclonal antibody" used herein refers to antibodies from any source, and so includes those that are fully human and also those which contain structural or specificity determining elements derived from other species (and which can be referred to as, for example, chimeric or humanized antibodies).

Technical background: The use of monoclonal antibodies is now widely accepted in anticancer chemotherapy as they are highly specific and can therefore bind and affect disease specific targets, thereby sparing normal cells and causing fewer side-effects than traditional chemotherapies.

One group of cells which have been investigated as targets for antibody chemotherapy for the treatment of various cancers are those bearing the cell-surface antigens comprising the cluster designation (CD) molecules which are over-expressed or aberrantly expressed in tumour cells, for example CD20, CD22, CD33 and CD52 which are over-expressed on the tumour cell surface, most notably in tumours of hematopoietic origin.

- 5 Antibodies to these CD targets (anti-CD antibodies) include the monoclonal antibodies rituximab (a.k.a. rituxamab), tositumomab and gemtuzumab ozogamicin.

- Rituximab/rituxamab is a mouse/human chimeric anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody which has been used extensively for the treatment of B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma including relapsed, refractory low-grade or follicular lymphoma. The product is also being developed for various other indications including chronic lymphocytic leukaemia. Side effects of rituximab/rituxamab may include hypoxia, pulmonary infiltrates, acute respiratory distress syndrome, myocardial infarction, ventricular fibrillation or cardiogenic shock. Tositumomab is a cell-specific anti-CD20 antibody labelled with iodine-131, for the treatment of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and lymphocytic leukaemia. Possible side-effects of tositumomab include thrombocytopenia and neutropenia.
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20 Gemtuzumab ozogamicin is a cytotoxic drug (calicheamicin) linked to a human monoclonal antibody specific for CD33. Calicheamicin is a very potent antitumour agent, over 1,000 times more potent than adriamycin. Once released inside the cell, calicheamicin binds in a sequence-specific manner to the minor groove of DNA, undergoes rearrangement, and exposes free radicals, leading to breakage of double-stranded DNA, and resulting in cell apoptosis (programmed cell death). Gemtuzumab ozogamicin is used as a second-line treatment for acute myeloid leukaemia, possible side-effects including severe hypersensitivity reactions such as anaphylaxis, and also hepatotoxicity.

- Alemtuzumab (Millennium Pharmaceuticals, also known as Campath) is a humanized monoclonal antibody against CD52 useful for the treatment of chronic lymphocytic leukaemia and Non-Hodgkin lymphoma which induces the secretion of TNF-alpha, IFN-gamma and IL-6.
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- Preferences:* Preferred monoclonal antibodies for use according to the invention include anti-CD antibodies, including alemtuzumab, CD20, CD22 and CD33. Particularly preferred are monoclonal antibody to cell surface antigens, including anti-CD antibodies (for example, CD20, CD22, CD33) as described above.
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- Specific embodiments:* In one embodiment, the monoclonal antibody is an antibody to the cluster designation CD molecules, for example, CD20, CD22, CD33 and CD52. In another embodiment, the monoclonal antibody to cell surface antigen is selected from rituximab/rituxamab, tositumomab and gemtuzumab ozogamicin. Other monoclonal antibodies that may be used according to the invention include bevacizumab.
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- Exemplary formulations:* Monoclonal antibodies to cell surface antigen(s) for use according to the invention include CD52 antibodies (e.g. alemtuzumab) and other anti-CD antibodies (for example, CD20, CD22 and CD33), as described herein. Preferred are therapeutic combinations comprising a monoclonal antibody to cell surface antigen(s), for example anti-CD antibodies (e.g. CD20, CD22 and CD33) which exhibit an advantageous efficacious effect, for example, against tumour cell growth, in comparison with the respective effects shown by the individual components of the combination.
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Preferred examples of monoclonal antibodies to cell surface antigens (anti-CD antibodies) include rituximab/rituxamab, tositumomab and gemtuzumab ozogamicin. Rituximab/rituxamab is commercially available from F Hoffman-La Roche Ltd under the trade name Mabthera, or may be obtained as described in PCT patent specification No. WO 94/11026. Tositumomab is commercially available from GlaxoSmithKline plc under the trade name Bexxar, or may be obtained as described in U.S. Patent specification No 5595721. Gemtuzumab ozogamicin is commercially available from Wyeth Research under the trade name Mylotarg, or may be obtained as described in U.S. Patent specification 5,877,296.

Biological activity: Monoclonal antibodies (e.g. monoclonal antibodies to one or more cell surface antigen(s)) have been identified as suitable anti-cancer agents. Antibodies are effective through a variety of mechanisms. They can block essential cellular growth factors or receptors, directly induce apoptosis, bind to target cells or deliver cytotoxic payloads such as radioisotopes and toxins.

Posology: The anti-CD antibodies may be administered for example in dosages of 5 to 400 mg per square meter (mg/m^2) of body surface; in particular gemtuzumab ozogamicin may be administered for example in a dosage of about $9 \text{ mg}/\text{m}^2$ of body surface; rituximab/rituxamab may be administered for example in a dosage of about $375 \text{ mg}/\text{m}^2$ as an IV infusion once a week for four doses; the dosage for tositumomab must be individually quantified for each patient according to the usual clinical parameters such as age, weight, sex and condition of the patient.

These dosages may be administered for example once, twice or more per course of treatment, which may be repeated for example every 7, 14, 21 or 28 days.

3. Camptothecin compounds

Definition: The term "camptothecin compound" as used herein refers to camptothecin *per se* or analogues of camptothecin as described herein, including the ionic, salt, solvate, isomers, tautomers, N-oxides, ester, prodrugs, isotopes and protected forms thereof (preferably the salts or tautomers or isomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof, and more preferably, the salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof), as described above.

Technical background: Camptothecin compounds are compounds related to or derived from the parent compound camptothecin which is a water-insoluble alkaloid derived from the Chinese tree *Camptothecin acuminata* and the Indian tree *Nothapodytes foetida*. Camptothecin has a potent inhibitory activity against DNA biosynthesis and has shown high activity against tumour cell growth in various experimental systems. Its clinical use in anti-cancer therapy is, however, limited significantly by its high toxicity, and various analogues have been developed in attempts to reduce the toxicity of camptothecin while retaining the potency of its anti-tumour effect. Examples of such analogues include irinotecan and topotecan.

These compounds have been found to be specific inhibitors of DNA topoisomerase I. Topoisomerases are enzymes that are capable of altering DNA topology in eukaryotic cells. They are critical for important cellular functions and cell proliferation. There are two classes of topoisomerases in eukaryotic cells, namely type I and

type II. Topoisomerase I is a monomeric enzyme having a molecular weight of approximately 100,000. The enzyme binds to DNA and introduces a transient single-strand break, unwinds the double helix (or allows it to unwind) and subsequently reseals the break before dissociating from the DNA strand.

- 5 Irinotecan, namely 7-ethyl-10-(4-(1-piperidino)-1-piperidino)carbonyloxy-(20S)-camptothecin, and its hydrochloride, also known as CPT 11, have been found to have improved potency and reduced toxicity, and superior water-solubility. Irinotecan has been found to have clinical efficacy in the treatment of various cancers especially colorectal cancer. Another important camptothecin compound is topotecan, namely (S)-9-dimethylaminomethyl-10-hydroxy-camptothecin which, in clinical trials, has shown efficacy against several solid
10 tumours, particularly ovarian cancer and non-small cell lung carcinoma.

Exemplary formulations: A parenteral pharmaceutical formulation for administration by injection and containing a camptothecin compound can be prepared by dissolving 100 mg of a water soluble salt of the camptothecin compound (for example a compound as described in EP 0321122 and in particular the examples therein) in 10
15 ml of sterile 0.9% saline and then sterilising the solution and filling the solution into a suitable container.

Biological activity: The camptothecin compounds of the combinations of the invention are specific inhibitors of DNA topoisomerase I are described above and have activity against various cancers.

- 20 *Prior art references:* WO 01/64194 (Janssen) discloses combinations of farnesyl transferase inhibitors and camptothecin compounds. EP 137145 (Rhone Poulenc Rorer) discloses camptothecin compounds including irinotecan. EP 321122 (SmithKline Beecham) discloses camptothecin compounds including topotecan.

Problems: Although camptothecin compounds have widely used as chemotherapeutic agents in humans, they
25 are not therapeutically effective in all patients or against all types of tumours. There is therefore a need to increase the inhibitory efficacy of camptothecin compounds against tumour growth and also to provide a means for the use of lower dosages of camptothecin compounds to reduce the potential for adverse toxic side effects to the patient.

- 30 *Preferences:* Preferred camptothecin compounds for use in accordance with the invention include irinotecan and topotecan referred to above. Irinotecan is commercially available for example from Rhone-Poulenc Rorer under the trade name "Campto" and may be prepared for example as described in European patent specification No. 137145 or by processes analogous thereto. Topotecan is commercially available for example from SmithKline Beecham under the trade name "Hycamtin" and may be prepared for example as described in
35 European patent number 321122 or by processes analogous thereto. Other camptothecin compounds may be prepared in conventional manner for example by processes analogous to those described above for irinotecan and topotecan.

Specific embodiments: In one embodiment, the camptothecin compound is irinotecan. In another embodiment,
40 the camptothecin compound is a camptothecin compound other than irinotecan, for example a camptothecin compound such as topotecan.

Posology: The camptothecin compound is advantageously administered in a dosage of 0.1 to 400 mg per square metre (mg/m²) of body surface area, for example 1 to 300 mg/ m², particularly for irinotecan in a dosage of about 100 to 350 mg/ m² and for topotecan in about 1 to 2 mg/ m² per course of treatment. These dosages may be administered for example once, twice or more per course of treatment, which may be repeated for example every 7, 14, 21 or 28 days.

4. Antimetabolites

Definition: The terms "antimetabolic compound" and "antimetabolite" are used as synonyms and define antimetabolic compounds or analogues of antimetabolic compounds as described herein, including the ionic, salt, solvate, isomers, tautomers, N-oxides, ester, prodrugs, isotopes and protected forms thereof (preferably the salts or tautomers or isomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof, and more preferably, the salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof), as described above. Thus, the antimetabolic compounds, otherwise known as antimetabolites, referred to herein constitute a large group of anticancer drugs that interfere with metabolic processes vital to the physiology and proliferation of cancer cells. Such compounds include nucleoside derivatives, either pyrimidine or purine nucleoside analogs, that inhibit DNA synthesis, and inhibitors of thymidylate synthase and/or dihydrofolate reductase enzymes.

Technical background: Antimetabolites (or antimetabolic compounds), constitute a large group of anticancer drugs that interfere with metabolic processes vital to the physiology and proliferation of cancer cells. Such compounds include nucleoside derivatives, either pyrimidine or purine nucleoside analogues, that inhibit DNA synthesis, and inhibitors of thymidylate synthase and/or dihydrofolate reductase enzymes. Anti-tumour nucleoside derivatives have been used for many years for the treatment of various cancers. Among the oldest and most widely used of these derivatives is 5-fluorouracil (5-FU) which has been used to treat a number of cancers such as colorectal, breast, hepatic and head and neck tumours.

In order to enhance the cytotoxic effect of 5-FU, leucovorin has been used with the drug to modulate levels of thymidylate synthase which are critical to ensure that malignant cells are sensitive to the effect of 5-FU. However, various factors limit the use of 5-FU, for example tumour resistance, toxicities, including gastrointestinal and haematological effects, and the need for intravenous administration. Various approaches have been taken to overcome these disadvantages including proposals to overcome the poor bioavailability of 5-FU and also to increase the therapeutic index of 5-FU, either by reducing systemic toxicity or by increasing the amount of active drug reaching the tumour.

One such compound which provides improved therapeutic advantage over 5-FU is capecitabine, which has the chemical name [1-(5-deoxy-β-D-ribofuranosyl)-5-fluoro-1,2-dihydro-2-oxo-4-pyrimidinyl]-carbamic acid pentyl ester. Capecitabine is a pro-drug of 5-FU which is well absorbed after oral dosing and delivers pharmacologically-active concentrations of 5-FU to tumours, with little systemic exposure to the active drug. As well as offering potentially superior activity to 5-FU, it can also be used for oral therapy with prolonged administration. Another anti-tumour nucleoside derivative is gemcitabine which has the chemical name 2'-deoxy-2',2'-difluoro-cytidine, and which has been used in the treatment of various cancers including non-small cell lung cancer and pancreatic cancer. Further anti-tumour nucleosides include cytarabine and fludarabine. Cytarabine, also known as ara-C, which has the chemical name 1-β-D-arabinofuranosylcytosine, has been

found useful in the treatment of acute myelocytic leukemia, chronic myelocytic leukemia (blast phase), acute lymphocytic leukemia and erythroleukemia. Fludarabine is a DNA synthesis inhibitor, which has the chemical name 9- β -D-arabinofuranosyl-2-fluoro-adenine, and is used for the treatment of refractory B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukaemia. Other antimetabolites used in anticancer chemotherapy include the enzyme inhibitors

5 raltitrexed, pemetrexed, and methotrexate. Raltitrexed is a folate-based thymidylate synthase inhibitor, which has the chemical name N-[5-[N-[(3,4-dihydro-2-methyl-4-oxo-6-quinazolinyl)-methyl -N-methylamino]-2-thenoyl]-L-glutamic acid, and is used in the treatment of advanced colorectal cancer. Pemetrexed is a thymidylate synthase and transferase inhibitor, which has the chemical name N-[4-[2-(2-amino-4,7-dihydro-4-oxo-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidin-5-yl)ethyl]benzoyl]- L-glutamic acid, disodium salt, and is used for the treatment

10 of mesothelioma and locally advanced or metastatic non-small-cell lung cancer (SCLC) in previously treated patients. Methotrexate is an antimetabolite which interrupts cell division by inhibiting DNA replication through dihydrofolate reductase inhibition, resulting in cell death, and has the chemical name is N-[4-[[[(2,4-diamino-6-pteridinyl)methyl]-ethylamino]benzoyl]-L-glutamic acid, and is used for the treatment of acute lymphocytic leukemia, and also in the treatment of breast cancer, epidermoid cancers of the head and neck, and lung

15 cancer, particularly squamous cell and small cell types, and advanced stage non-Hodgkin's lymphomas.

Biological activity: The antimetabolic compounds of the combinations of the invention interfere with metabolic processes vital to the physiology and proliferation of cancer cells as described above and have activity against various cancers.

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Problems: These anticancer agents have a number of side-effects especially myelosuppression and in some cases nausea and diarrhoea. There is therefore a need to provide a means for the use of lower dosages to reduce the potential of adverse toxic side effects to the patient.

25 *Preferences:* Preferred antimetabolic compounds for use in accordance with the invention include anti-tumour nucleosides such as 5-fluorouracil, gemcitabine, capecitabine, cytarabine and fludarabine and enzyme inhibitors such as raltitrexed, pemetrexed and methotrexate referred to herein. Thus, preferred antimetabolic compounds for use in accordance with the invention are anti-tumour nucleoside derivatives including 5-fluorouracil, gemcitabine, capecitabine, cytarabine and fludarabine referred to herein. Other preferred

30 antimetabolic compounds for use in accordance with the invention are enzyme inhibitors including raltitrexed, pemetrexed and methotrexate.

5- Fluorouracil is widely available commercially, or may be prepared for example as described in U.S. patent specification No. 2802005. Gemcitabine is commercially available for example from Eli Lilly and Company

35 under the trade name Gemzar, or may be prepared for example as described in European patent specification No.122707, or by processes analogous thereto. Capecitabine is commercially available for example from Hoffman-La Roche Inc under the trade name Xeloda, or may be prepared for example as described in European patent specification No. 698611, or by processes analogous thereto. Cytarabine is commercially available for example from Pharmacia and Upjohn Co under the trade name Cytosar, or may be prepared for

40 example as described in U.S. patent specification No. 3116282, or by processes analogous thereto. Fludarabine is commercially available for example from Schering AG under the trade name Fludara, or may be prepared for example as described in U.S. patent specification No. 4357324, or by processes analogous thereto. Raltitrexed is commercially available for example from AstraZeneca plc under the trade name Tomudex,

- or may be prepared for example as described in European patent specification No. 239632, or by processes analogous thereto. Pemetrexed is commercially available for example from Eli Lilly and Company under the trade name Alimta, or may be prepared for example as described in European patent specification No. 432677, or by processes analogous thereto. Methotrexate is commercially available for example from Lederle Laboratories under the trade name Methotrexate-Lederle, or may be prepared for example as described in U.S. patent specification No. 2512572, or by processes analogous thereto. Other antimetabolites for use in the combinations of the invention include 6-mercapto purine, 6-thioguanine, cladribine, 2'-deoxycytosine and hydroxyurea.
- 10 *Specific embodiments:* In one embodiment, the antimetabolic compound is gemcitabine. In another embodiment, the antimetabolic compound is a antimetabolic compound other than 5-fluorouracil or fludarabine, for example an antimetabolic compound such as gemcitabine, capecitabine, cytarabine, raltitrexed, pemetrexed or methotrexate.
- 15 *Posology:* The antimetabolite compound will be administered in a dosage that will depend on the factors noted above. Examples of dosages for particular preferred antimetabolites are given below by way of example. With regard to anti-tumour nucleosides, these are advantageously administered in a daily dosage of 10 to 2500 mg per square meter (mg/m^2) of body surface area, for example 700 to 1500 mg/m^2 , particularly for 5-FU in a dosage of 200 to 500 mg/m^2 , for gemcitabine in a dosage of 800 to 1200 mg/m^2 , for capecitabine in a dosage of 1000 to 1200 mg/m^2 , for cytarabine in a dosage of 100-200 mg/m^2 and for fludarabine in a dosage of 10 to 50 mg/m^2 .

For the following enzyme inhibitors, examples are given of possible doses. Thus, raltitrexed can be administered in a dosage of about 3 mg/m^2 , pemetrexed in a dosage of 500 mg/m^2 and methotrexate in a dosage of 30-40 mg/m^2 .

The dosages noted above may generally be administered for example once, twice or more per course of treatment, which may be repeated for example every 7, 14, 21 or 28 days.

30 5. Vinca alkaloids

Definition: The term "vinca alkaloid" as used herein refers to vinca alkaloid compounds or analogues of vinca alkaloid compounds as described herein, including the ionic, salt, solvate, isomers, tautomers, N-oxides, ester, prodrugs, isotopes and protected forms thereof (preferably the salts or tautomers or isomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof, and more preferably, the salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof), as described above.

Technical background: The vinca alkaloids for use in the combinations of the invention are anti-tumour vinca alkaloids related to or derived from extracts of the periwinkle plant (*Vinca rosea*). Among these compounds, vinblastine and vincristine are important clinical agents for the treatment of leukaemias, lymphomas and testicular cancer, and vinorelbine has activity against lung cancer and breast cancer.

Biological activity: The vinca alkaloid compounds of the combinations of the invention are tubulin targeting agents and have activity against various cancers.

Problems: Vinca alkaloids suffer from toxicological effects. For example, vinblastine causes leukopenia which reaches a nadir in 7 to 10 days following drug administration, after which recovery ensues within 7 days, while vincristine demonstrates some neurological toxicity for example numbness and trembling of the extremities, loss of deep tendon reflexes and weakness of distal limb musculature. Vinorelbine has some toxicity in the form of granulocytopenia but with only modest thrombocytopenia and less neurotoxicity than other vinca alkaloids. There is therefore a need to increase the inhibitory efficacy of anti-tumour vinca alkaloids against tumour growth and also to provide a means for the use of lower dosages of anti-tumour vinca alkaloids to reduce the potential of adverse toxic side effects to the patient.

Preferences: Preferred anti-tumour vinca alkaloids for use in accordance with the invention include vindesine, vinorelbine, vinblastine, vincristine and vinorelbine. Particularly preferred anti-tumour vinca alkaloids for use in accordance with the invention include vinblastine, vincristine and vinorelbine referred to above. Vinblastine is commercially available for example as the sulphate salt for injection from Eli Lilly and Co under the trade name Velban, and may be prepared for example as described in German patent specification No. 2124023 or by processes analogous thereto. Vincristine is commercially available for example as the sulphate salt for injection from Eli Lilly and Co under the trade name Oncovin and may be prepared for example as described in the above German patent specification No. 2124023 or by processes analogous thereto. Vincristine is also available as a liposomal formulation under the name Onco-TCS™. Vinorelbine is commercially available for example as the tartrate salt for injection from Glaxo Wellcome under the trade name Navelbine and may be prepared for example as described in U.S. patent specification No. 4307100, or by processes analogous thereto. Other anti-tumour vinca alkaloids may be prepared in conventional manner for example by processes analogous to those described above for vinoblastine, vincristine and vinorelbine.

Another preferred vinca alkaloid is vindesine. Vindesine is a synthetic derivative of the dimeric catharanthus alkaloid vinblastine, is available from Lilly under the tradename Eldisine and from Shionogi under the tradename Fildesin. Details of the synthesis of Vindesine are described in Lilly patent DE2415980 (1974) and by C. J. Burnett et al., J. Med. Chem. 21, 88 (1978).

Specific embodiments: In one embodiment, the vinca alkaloid compound is selected from vinoblastine, vincristine and vinorelbine. In another embodiment, the vinca alkaloid compound is vinoblastine.

Posology: The anti-tumour vinca alkaloid is advantageously administered in a dosage of 2 to 30 mg per square meter (mg/m^2) of body surface area, particularly for vinblastine in a dosage of about 3 to 12 mg/m^2 , for vincristine in a dosage of about 1 to 2 mg/m^2 , and for vinorelbine in dosage of about 10 to 30 mg/m^2 per course of treatment. These dosages may be administered for example once, twice or more per course of treatment, which may be repeated for example every 1, 14, 21 or 28 days.

6. Taxanes

Definition: The term "taxane compound" as used herein refers to taxane compounds or analogues of taxane compounds as described herein, including the ionic, salt, solvate, isomers, tautomers, N-oxides, ester, prodrugs, isotopes and protected forms thereof (preferably the salts or tautomers or isomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof, and more preferably, the salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof), as described above.

Technical background: The taxanes are a class of compounds having the taxane ring system and related to or derived from extracts from certain species of yew (*Taxus*) trees. These compounds have been found to have activity against tumour cell growth and certain compounds in this class have been used in the clinic for the treatment of various cancers. Thus, for example, paclitaxel is a diterpene isolated from the bark of the yew tree, *Taxus brevifolia*, and can be produced by partial synthesis from 10-acetylbaccatin, a precursor obtained from yew needles and twigs or by total synthesis, see Holton et al, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 116: 1597-1601 (1994) and Nicholau et al, Nature 367:630 (1994). Paclitaxel has shown anti-neoplastic activity and more recently it has been established that its antitumour activity is due to the promotion of microtubule polymerisation, Kumar N.J., Biol. Chem. 256: 1035-1041 (1981); Rowinsky et al, J. Natl. Cancer Inst. 82: 1247-1259 (1990); and Schiff et al, Nature 277: 655-667 (1979). Paclitaxel has now demonstrated efficacy in several human tumours in clinical trials, McGuire et al, Ann. Int. Med., 111:273-279 (1989); Holmes et al, J. Natl. Cancer Inst. 83: 1797-1805 (1991); Kohn et al J. Natl. Cancer Inst. 86: 18-24 (1994); and Kohn et al, American Society for Clinical Oncology, 12 (1993). Paclitaxel has for example been used for the treatment of ovarian cancer and also breast cancer.

Another taxane compound which has been used in the clinic is docetaxel which has been shown to have particular efficacy in the treatment of advanced breast cancer. Docetaxel has shown a better solubility in excipient systems than paclitaxel, therefore increasing the ease with which it can be handled and used in pharmaceutical compositions.

Biological activity: The taxane compounds of the combinations of the invention are tubulin targeting agents and have activity against various cancers.

Problems: Clinical use of taxanes has demonstrated a narrow therapeutic index with many patients unable to tolerate the side effects associated with its use. There is therefore a need to increase the inhibitory efficacy of taxane compounds against tumour growth and also to provide a means for the use of lower dosages of taxane compounds to reduce the potential of adverse toxic side effects to the patient.

Preferences: Preferred taxane compounds for use in accordance with the invention include paclitaxel or docetaxel referred to herein. Paclitaxel is available commercially for example under the trade name Taxol from Bristol Myers Squibb and docetaxel is available commercially under the trade name Taxotere from Rhone-Poulenc Rorer. Both compounds and other taxane compounds may be prepared in conventional manner for example as described in EP 253738, EP 253739 and WO 92/09589 or by processes analogous thereto.

Specific embodiments: In one embodiment, the taxane compound is paclitaxel. In another embodiment, the taxane compound is docetaxel.

Posology: The taxane compound is advantageously administered in a dosage of 50 to 400 mg per square meter (mg/m^2) of body surface area, for example 75 to 250 mg/m^2 , particularly for paclitaxel in a dosage of about 175 to 250 mg/m^2 and for docetaxel in about 75 to 150 mg/m^2 per course of treatment. These dosages may be administered for example once, twice or more per course of treatment, which may be repeated for example every 7, 14, 21 or 28 days.

7. Platinum compounds

Definition: The term "platinum compounds" as used herein refers to any tumour cell growth inhibiting platinum compound including platinum coordination compounds, compounds which provide platinum in the form of an ion and analogues of platinum compounds as described herein, including the ionic, salt, solvate, isomers, tautomers, N-oxides, ester, prodrugs, isotopes and protected forms thereof (preferably the salts or tautomers or isomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof, and more preferably, the salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof), as described above.

Technical background: In the chemotherapeutic treatment of cancers, cisplatin (cis-diaminodichloroplatinum (II)) has been used successfully for many years in the treatment of various human solid malignant tumours for example testicular cancer, ovarian cancer and cancers of the head and neck, bladder, oesophagus and lung.

More recently, other diamino-platinum complexes, for example carboplatin (diamino(1,1-cyclobutane-dicarboxylato)platinum (II)), have also shown efficacy as chemotherapeutic agents in the treatment of various human solid malignant tumours, carboplatin being approved for the treatment of ovarian cancer. A further antitumour platinum compound is oxaliplatin (L-OHP), a third generation diamino-cyclohexane platinum-based cytotoxic drug, which has the chemical name (1,2-diaminocyclohexane)oxalato-platinum (II). Oxaliplatin is used, for example, for the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer, based on its lack of renal toxicity and higher efficacy in preclinical models of cancer in comparison to cisplatin.

Biological activity: The platinum compounds of the combinations of the invention have activity against various cancers.

Problems: Although cisplatin and other platinum compounds have been widely used as chemotherapeutic agents in humans, they are not therapeutically effective in all patients or against all types of tumours. Moreover, such compounds need to be administered at relatively high dosage levels which can lead to toxicity problems such as kidney damage. Also, and especially with cisplatin, the compounds cause nausea and vomiting in patients to a varying extent, as well as leucopenia, anemia and thrombocytopenia. There is therefore a need to increase efficacy and also to provide a means for the use of lower dosages to reduce the potential of adverse toxic side effects to the patient.

Preferences: Preferred platinum compounds for use in accordance with the invention include cisplatin, carboplatin and oxaliplatin. Other platinum compounds include chloro(diethylenediamino)-platinum (II) chloride; dichloro(ethylenediamino)-platinum (II); spiroplatin; iproplatin; diamino(2-ethylmalonato)platinum (II); (1,2-diaminocyclohexane)malonatoplatinum (II); (4-carboxyphthalo)-(1,2-diaminocyclohexane)platinum (II); (1,2-diaminocyclohexane)-(isocitrato)platinum (II); (1,2-diaminocyclohexane)-cis-(pyruvato)platinum (II); onnaplatin;

and tetraplatin. Cisplatin is commercially available for example under the trade name Platinol from Bristol-Myers Squibb Corporation as a powder for constitution with water, sterile saline or other suitable vehicle. Cisplatin may also be prepared for example as described by G. B. Kauffman and D. O. Cowan, *Inorg. Synth.* 7, 239 (1963), or by processes analogous thereto. Carboplatin is commercially available for example from Bristol-Myers Squibb Corporation under the trade name Paraplatin, or may be prepared for example as described in U.S. patent specification No. 4140707, or by processes analogous thereto. Oxaliplatin is commercially available for example from Sanofi-Synthelabo Inc under the trade name Eloxatin, or may be prepared for example as described in U.S. patent specification No. 4169846, or by processes analogous thereto. Other platinum compounds and their pharmaceutical compositions are commercially available and/or can be prepared by conventional techniques.

Specific embodiments: In one embodiment, the platinum compound is selected from chloro(diethylenediamino)-platinum (II) chloride; dichloro(ethylenediamino)-platinum (II); spiroplatin; iproplatin; diamino(2-ethylmalonato)platinum (II); (1,2-diaminocyclohexane)malonatoplatinum (II); (4-carboxyphthalo)-(1,2-diaminocyclohexane)platinum (II); (1,2-diaminocyclohexane)-(isocitrato)platinum (II); (1,2-diaminocyclohexane)-cis-(pyruvato)platinum (II); onnaplatin; tetraplatin, cisplatin, carboplatin and oxaliplatin. In another embodiment, the platinum compound is a platinum compound other than cisplatin, for example a platinum compound such as chloro(diethylenediamino)-platinum (II) chloride; dichloro(ethylenediamino)-platinum (II); spiroplatin; iproplatin; diamino(2-ethylmalonato)platinum (II); (1,2-diaminocyclohexane)malonatoplatinum (II); (4-carboxyphthalo)-(1,2-diaminocyclohexane)platinum (II); (1,2-diaminocyclohexane)-(isocitrato)platinum (II); (1,2-diaminocyclohexane)-cis-(pyruvato)platinum (II); onnaplatin; tetraplatin, carboplatin or oxaliplatin, preferably selected from carboplatin and oxaliplatin.

Posology: The platinum coordination compound is advantageously administered in a dosage of 1 to 500mg per square meter (mg/m^2) of body surface area, for example 50 to 400 mg/m^2 particularly for cisplatin in a dosage of about 75 mg/m^2 , for carboplatin in about 300 mg/m^2 and for oxaliplatin in about 50-100 mg/m^2 . These dosages may be administered for example once, twice or more per course of treatment, which may be repeated for example every 7, 14, 21 or 28 days.

8. Topoisomerase 2 inhibitors

Definition: The term "topoisomerase 2 inhibitor" as used herein refers to topoisomerase 2 inhibitor or analogues of topoisomerase 2 inhibitor as described above, including the ionic, salt, solvate, isomers, tautomers, N-oxides, ester, prodrugs, isotopes and protected forms thereof (preferably the salts or tautomers or isomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof, and more preferably, the salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof), as described above.

Technical background: An important class of anticancer drugs are the inhibitors of the enzyme topoisomerase 2 which causes double-strand breaks to release stress build-up during DNA transcription and translation. Compounds that inhibit the function of this enzyme are therefore cytotoxic and useful as anti-cancer agents.

Among the topoisomerase 2 inhibitors which have been developed and used in cancer chemotherapy are the podophyllotoxins. These drugs act by a mechanism of action which involves the induction of DNA strand breaks by an interaction with DNA topoisomerase 2 or the formation of free radicals. Podophyllotoxin, which is

extracted from the mandrake plant, is the parent compound from which two glycosides have been developed which show significant therapeutic activity in several human neoplasms, including pediatric leukemia, small cell carcinomas of the lung, testicular tumours, Hodgkin's disease, and large cell lymphomas. These derivatives are etoposide (VP-16), which has the chemical name 4'-demethylepipodophyllotoxin 9-[4,6-O-(R)-ethylidene- β -D-glucopyranoside], and teniposide (VM-26), which has the chemical name 4'-demethylepipodophyllotoxin 9-[4,6-O-(R)-2-thenylidene- β -D-glucopyranoside].

Both etoposide and teniposide, however, suffer from certain toxic side-effects especially myelosuppression. Another important class of topoisomerase 2 inhibitors are the anthracycline derivatives which are important anti-tumour agents and comprise antibiotics obtained from the fungus *Streptomyces peuceticus* var. *caesius* and their derivatives, characterized by having a tetracycline ring structure with an unusual sugar, daunosamine, attached by a glycosidic linkage. Among these compounds, the most widely used include daunorubicin, which has the chemical name 7-(3-amino-2,3,6-trideoxy-L-lyxohexosyloxy)-9-acetyl-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6,9,11-trihydroxy-4-methoxy-5,12-naphthacenequinone, doxorubicin, which has the chemical name 10-[(3-amino-2,3,6-trideoxy- α -L-lyxohexopyranosyl)oxy]-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6,8,11-trihydroxy-8-(hydroxyacetyl)-1-methoxy-5,12-naphthacenedione, and idarubicin, which has the chemical name 9-acetyl-[(3-amino-2,3,6-trideoxy- α -L-lyxohexopyranosyl)oxy]-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6,9,11-trihydroxy-5,12-naphthacenedione.

Daunorubicin and idarubicin have been used primarily for the treatment of acute leukaemias whereas doxorubicin displays broader activity against human neoplasms, including a variety of solid tumours particularly breast cancer. Another anthracycline derivatives which is useful in cancer chemotherapy is epirubicin. Epirubicin, which has the chemical name (8S-cis)-10-[(3-amino-2,3,6-trideoxy- α -L-arabino-hexopyranosyl)oxy]-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6,8,11-trihydroxy-8-(hydroxyacetyl)-1-methoxy-5,12-naphthacenedione, is a doxorubicin analog having a catabolic pathway that involves glucuronidation, by uridine diphosphate-glucuronosyl transferase in the liver (unlike that for doxorubicin), which is believed to account for its shorter half-life and reduced cardiotoxicity. The compound has been used for the treatment of various cancers including cervical cancer, endometrial cancer, advanced breast cancer and carcinoma of the bladder but suffers from the side-effects of myelosuppression and cardiotoxicity. The latter side-effect is typical of anthracycline derivatives which generally display a serious cardiomyopathy at higher doses, which limits the doses at which these compounds can be administered. A further type of topoisomerase 2 inhibitor is represented by mitoxantrone, which has the chemical name 1,4-dihydroxy-5,8-bis[[2-[(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]ethyl]amino]-9,10-anthracenedione, and is used for the treatment of multiple sclerosis, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, acute myelogenous leukaemia, and breast, prostate and liver tumours. Others include losoxantrone and actinomycin D.

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Side-effects from administration of mitoxantrone include myelosuppression, nausea, vomiting, stomatitis, alopecia but less cardiotoxicity than anthracyclines.

Biological activity: The topoisomerase 2 inhibitors of the combinations of the invention have activity against various cancers as described above.

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Problems: This class of cytotoxic compound is associated with side effects, as mentioned above. Thus, there is a need to provide a means for the use of lower dosages to reduce the potential of adverse toxic side effects to the patient.

- 5 *Preferences:* Preferred topoisomerase 2 inhibitor compounds for use in accordance with the invention include anthracycline derivatives, mitoxantrone and podophyllotoxin derivatives as defined to herein.

Preferred anti-tumour anthracycline derivatives for use in accordance with the invention include daunorubicin, doxorubicin, idarubicin and epirubicin referred to above. Daunorubicin is commercially available for example as the hydrochloride salt from Bedford Laboratories under the trade name Cerubidine, or may be prepared for
10 example as described in U.S. patent specification No. 4020270, or by processes analogous thereto. Doxorubicin is commercially available for example from Pharmacia and Upjohn Co under the trade name Adriamycin, or may be prepared for example as described in U.S. patent specification No. 3803124, or by processes analogous thereto. Doxorubicin derivatives include pegylated doxorubicin hydrochloride and
15 liposome-encapsulated doxorubicin citrate. Pegylated doxorubicin hydrochloride is commercially available from Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals under the trade name Caelyx; liposome-encapsulated doxorubicin citrate is commercially available for example from Elan Corporation under the trade name Myocet. Idarubicin is commercially available for example as the hydrochloride salt from Pharmacia & Upjohn under the trade name Idamycin, or may be prepared for example as described in U.S. patent specification No. 4046878, or by
20 processes analogous thereto. Epirubicin is commercially available for example from Pharmacia and Upjohn Co under the trade name Pharmorubicin, or may be prepared for example as described in U.S. patent specification No 4058519, or by processes analogous thereto. Mitoxantrone is commercially available for example from OSI Pharmaceuticals, under the trade name Novantrone, or may be prepared for example as described in U.S. patent specification No. 4197249, or by processes analogous thereto.

25 Other anti-tumour anthracycline derivatives may be prepared in conventional manner for example by processes analogous to those described above for the specific anthracycline derivatives.

Preferred anti-tumour anti-tumour podophyllotoxin derivatives for use in accordance with the invention include etoposide and teniposide referred to above. Etoposide is commercially available for example from Bristol-Myers Squibb Co under the trade name VePesid, or may be prepared for example as described in European patent specification No111058, or by processes analogous thereto. Teniposide is commercially available for example from Bristol-Myers Squibb Co under the trade name Vumon, or may be prepared for example as described in PCT patent specification No. WO 93/02094, or by processes analogous thereto. Other anti-tumour
30 podophyllotoxin derivatives may be prepared in conventional manner for example by processes analogous to those described above for etoposide and teniposide.

Specific embodiments: In one embodiment, the topoisomerase 2 inhibitor is an anthracycline derivative, mitoxantrone or a podophyllotoxin derivative. In another embodiment, the topoisomerase 2 inhibitor is selected
40 from daunorubicin, doxorubicin, idarubicin and epirubicin. In a further embodiment, the topoisomerase 2 inhibitor is selected from etoposide and teniposide. Thus, in a preferred embodiment, the topoisomerase 2 inhibitor is etoposide. In another embodiment, the topoisomerase 2 inhibitor is an anthracycline derivative other than doxorubicin, for example a topoisomerase 2 inhibitor such as daunorubicin, idarubicin and epirubicin.

Posology: The anti-tumour anthracycline derivative is advantageously administered in a dosage of 10 to 150 mg per square meter (mg/m^2) of body surface area, for example 15 to 60 mg/m^2 , particularly for doxorubicin in a dosage of about 40 to 75 mg/m^2 , for daunorubicin in a dosage of about 25 to 45 mg/m^2 , for idarubicin in a dosage of about 10 to 15 mg/m^2 and for epirubicin in a dosage of about 100-120 mg/m^2 .

Mitoxantrone is advantageously administered in a dosage of about 12 to 14 mg/m^2 as a short intravenous infusion about every 21 days:

The anti-tumour podophyllotoxin derivative is advantageously administered in a dosage of 30 to 300 mg/m^2 of body surface area, for example 50 to 250 mg/m^2 particularly for etoposide in a dosage of about 35 to 100 mg/m^2 , and for teniposide in about 50 to 250 mg/m^2 .

The dosages noted above may generally be administered for example once, twice or more per course of treatment, which may be repeated for example every 7, 14, 21 or 28 days.

9. Alkylating agents

Definition: The term "alkylating agent" or "alkylating agents" as used herein refers to alkylating agents or analogues of alkylating agents as described herein, including the ionic, salt, solvate, isomers, tautomers, N-oxides, ester, prodrugs, isotopes and protected forms thereof (preferably the salts or tautomers or isomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof, and more preferably, the salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof), as described above.

Technical background: Alkylating agents used in cancer chemotherapy encompass a diverse group of chemicals that have the common feature that they have the capacity to contribute, under physiological conditions, alkyl groups to biologically vital macromolecules such as DNA. With most of the more important agents such as the nitrogen mustards and the nitrosoureas, the active alkylating moieties are generated *in vivo* after complex degradative reactions, some of which are enzymatic. The most important pharmacological actions of the alkylating agents are those that disturb the fundamental mechanisms concerned with cell proliferation, in particular DNA synthesis and cell division. The capacity of alkylating agents to interfere with DNA function and integrity in rapidly proliferating tissues provides the basis for their therapeutic applications and for many of their toxic properties. Alkylating agents as a class have therefore been investigated for their anti-tumour activity and certain of these compounds have been widely used in anti-cancer therapy although they tend to have in common a propensity to cause dose-limiting toxicity to bone marrow elements and to a lesser extent the intestinal mucosa.

Among the alkylating agents, the nitrogen mustards represent an important group of anti-tumour compounds which are characterised by the presence of a bis-(2-chloroethyl) grouping and include cyclophosphamide, which has the chemical name 2-[bis(2-chloroethyl)amino]tetrahydro-2H-1,3,2-oxazaphospholine oxide, and chlorambucil, which has the chemical name 4-[bis(2-chloroethyl)amino]-benzenebutoic acid. Cyclophosphamide has a broad spectrum of clinical activity and is used as a component of many effective drug combinations for malignant lymphomas, Hodgkin's disease, Burkitt's lymphoma and in adjuvant therapy for treating breast cancer.

Ifosfamide (a.k.a. ifosphamide) is a structural analogue of cyclophosphamide and its mechanism of action is presumed to be identical. It has the chemical name 3-(2-chloroethyl)-2-[(2-chloroethyl)amino]tetrahydro-2H-1,3,2-oxazaphosphorin-2-oxide, and is used for the treatment of cervical cancer, sarcoma, and testicular cancer but may have severe urotoxic effects. Chlorambucil has been used for treating chronic leukocytic leukaemia and malignant lymphomas including lymphosarcoma.

Another important class of alkylating agents are the nitrosoureas which are characterised by the capacity to undergo spontaneous non-enzymatic degradation with the formation of the 2-chloroethyl carbonium ion. Examples of such nitrosourea compounds include carmustine (BCNU) which has the chemical name 1,3-bis(2-chloroethyl)-1-nitrosourea, and lomustine (CCNU) which has the chemical name 1-(2-chloroethyl)cyclohexyl-1-nitrosourea. Carmustine and lomustine each have an important therapeutic role in the treatment of brain tumours and gastrointestinal neoplasms although these compounds cause profound, cumulative myelosuppression that restricts their therapeutic value.

Another class of alkylating agent is represented by the bifunctional alkylating agents having a bis-alkanesulfonate group and represented by the compound busulfan which has the chemical name 1,4-butanediol dimethanesulfonate, and is used for the treatment of chronic myelogenous (myeloid, myelocytic or granulocytic) leukaemia. However, it can induce severe bone marrow failure resulting in severe pancytopenia.

Another class of alkylating agent are the aziridine compounds containing a three-membered nitrogen-containing ring which act as anti-tumour agents by binding to DNA, leading to cross-linking and inhibition of DNA synthesis and function. An example of such an agent is mitomycin, an antibiotic isolated from *Streptomyces caespitosus*, and having the chemical name 7-amino-9 α -methoxymitosane.

Mitomycin is used to treat adenocarcinoma of stomach, pancreas, colon and breast, small cell and non-small cell lung cancer, and, in combination with radiation, head and neck cancer, side-effects including myelosuppression, nephrotoxicity, interstitial pneumonitis, nausea and vomiting.

Biological activity: One of the most important pharmacological actions of the alkylating agent in the combinations of the invention is its ability to disturb the fundamental mechanisms concerned with cell proliferation as herein before defined. This capacity to interfere with DNA function and integrity in rapidly proliferating tissues provides the basis for their therapeutic application against various cancers.

Problems: This class of cytotoxic compound is associated with side effects, as mentioned above. Thus, there is a need to provide a means for the use of lower dosages to reduce the potential of adverse toxic side effects to the patient.

Preferences: Preferred alkylating agents for use in accordance with the invention include the nitrogen mustard compounds cyclophosphamide, ifosfamide/ifosphamide and chlorambucil and the nitrosourea compounds carmustine and lomustine referred to above. Preferred nitrogen mustard compounds for use in accordance with the invention include cyclophosphamide, ifosfamide/ifosphamide and chlorambucil referred to above. Cyclophosphamide is commercially available for example from Bristol-Myers Squibb Corporation under the

trade name Cytosan, or may be prepared for example as described in U.K. patent specification No. 1235022, or by processes analogous thereto. Chlorambucil is commercially available for example from GlaxoSmithKline plc under the trade name Leukeran, or may be prepared for example as described in U.S. patent specification No. 3046301, or by processes analogous thereto. Ifosfamide/ifosphamide is commercially available for example from Baxter Oncology under the trade name Mitoxana, or may be prepared for example as described in U. S. patent specification No. 3732340, or by processes analogous thereto. Preferred nitrosourea compounds for use in accordance with the invention include carmustine and lomustine referred to above. Carmustine is commercially available for example from Bristol-Myers Squibb Corporation under the trade name BiCNU, or may be prepared for example as described in European patent specification No. 902015, or by processes analogous thereto. Lomustine is commercially available for example from Bristol-Myers Squibb Corporation under the trade name CeeNU, or may be prepared for example as described in U. S. patent specification No. 4377687, or by processes analogous thereto. Busulfan is commercially available for example from GlaxoSmithKline plc under the trade name Myleran, or may be prepared for example as described in U. S. patent specification No. 2917432, or by processes analogous thereto. Mitomycin is commercially available for example from Bristol-Myers Squibb Corporation under the trade name Mutamycin. Others include estramustine, mechlorethamine, melphalan, bischloroethylnitrosourea, cyclohexylchloroethylnitrosourea, methylcyclohexylchloroethylnitrosourea, nimustine, procarbazine, dacarbazine, temozolimide and thiotepea.

Specific embodiments: In one embodiment, the alkylating agent is a nitrogen mustard compound selected from cyclophosphamide, ifosfamide/ifosphamide and chlorambucil. In another embodiment, the alkylating agent is a nitrosourea selected from carmustine and lomustine. The alkylating agents further include Busulfan. In one embodiment, the alkylating agents are as herein before defined other than mitomycin C or cyclophosphamide.

Posology: The nitrogen mustard or nitrosourea alkylating agent is advantageously administered in a dosage of 100 to 2500 mg per square meter (mg/m^2) of body surface area, for example 120 to 500 mg/m^2 , particularly for cyclophosphamide in a dosage of about 100 to 500 mg/m^2 , for ifosfamide/ifosphamide in a dosage of 500-2500 mg/m^2 , for chlorambucil in a dosage of about 0.1 to 0.2 mg/kg , for carmustine in a dosage of about 150 to 200 mg/m^2 and for lomustine in a dosage of about 100 to 150 mg/m^2 . For bis-alkanesulfonate compounds such as busulphan a typical dose may be 1-2 mg/m^2 , e.g. about 1.8 mg/m^2 .

Aziridine alkylating agents such as mitomycin can be administered for example in a dosage of 15 to 25 mg/m^2 preferably about 20 mg/m^2 .

The dosages noted above may be administered for example once, twice or more per course of treatment, which may be repeated for example every 7, 14, 21 or 28 days.

10. Signalling inhibitors

Definition: The term "signalling inhibitor" as used herein refers to signalling inhibitors or analogues of signalling inhibitors as described herein, including the ionic, salt, solvate, isomers, tautomers, N-oxides, ester, prodrugs, isotopes and protected forms thereof (preferably the salts or tautomers or isomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof, and more preferably, the salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof), as described above.

Technical background: A malignant tumour is the product of uncontrolled cell proliferation. Cell growth is controlled by a delicate balance between growth-promoting and growth-inhibiting factors. In normal tissue the production and activity of these factors results in differentiated cells growing in a controlled and regulated manner that maintains the normal integrity and functioning of the organ. The malignant cell has evaded this control; the natural balance is disturbed (via a variety of mechanisms) and unregulated, aberrant cell growth occurs.

One driver for growth is the epidermal growth factor (EGF), and the receptor for EGF (EGFR) has been implicated in the development and progression of a number of human solid tumours including those of the lung, breast, prostate, colon, ovary, head and neck. EGFR is a member of a family of four receptors, namely EGFR (HER1 or ErbB1), ErbB2 (HER2/neu), ErbB3 (HER3), and ErbB4 (HER4). These receptors are large proteins that reside in the cell membrane, each having a specific external ligand binding domain, a transmembrane domain and an internal domain which has tyrosine kinase enzyme activity. When EGF attaches to EGFR, it activates the tyrosine kinase, triggering reactions that cause the cells to grow and multiply. EGFR is found at abnormally high levels on the surface of many types of cancer cells, which may divide excessively in the presence of EGF. Inhibition of EGRF activity has therefore been a target for chemotherapeutic research in the treatment of cancer. Such inhibition can be effected by direct interference with the target EGRF on the cell surface, for example by the use of antibodies, or by inhibiting the subsequent tyrosine kinase activity.

Examples of antibodies which target EGRF are the monoclonal antibodies trastuzumab and cetuximab. Amplification of the human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 protein (HER 2) in primary breast carcinomas has been shown to correlate with a poor clinical prognosis for certain patients. Trastuzumab is a highly purified recombinant DNA-derived humanized monoclonal IgG1 kappa antibody that binds with high affinity and specificity to the extracellular domain of the HER2 receptor. In vitro and in vivo preclinical studies have shown that administration of trastuzumab alone or in combination with paclitaxel or carboplatin significantly inhibits the growth of breast tumour-derived cell lines that over-express the HER2 gene product. In clinical studies trastuzumab has been shown to have clinical activity in the treatment of breast cancer. The most common adverse effects of trastuzumab are fever and chills, pain, asthenia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, dyspnea, rhinitis, and insomnia. Trastuzumab has been approved for the treatment of metastatic breast cancer involving over-expression of the HER2 protein in patients who have received one or more chemotherapy regimes.

Cetuximab has been used for the treatment of irotecan-refractory colorectal cancer. It is also being evaluated both as a single agent and in combination with other agents for use in the treatment of a variety of other cancers for example head and neck cancer, metastatic pancreatic carcinoma, and non-small-cell lung cancer. The administration of cetuximab can cause serious side effects, which may include difficulty in breathing and low blood pressure.

Examples of agents which target EGRF tyrosine kinase activity include the tyrosine kinase inhibitors gefitinib and erlotinib. Gefitinib which has the chemical name 4-(3-chloro-4-fluoroanilino)-7-methoxy-6-(3-morpholinopropoxy)quinazoline, is used for the treatment of non-small-cell lung cancer, and is also under development for other solid tumours that over-express EGF receptors such as breast and colorectal cancer. It has been found that patients receiving gefitinib may develop interstitial lung disease that causes inflammation

within the lung. Eye irritation has also been observed in patients receiving gefitinib. Erlotinib, which has the chemical name N-(3-ethynyl-phenyl)-6,7-bis(2-methoxyethoxy)-4-quinazoline, has also been used for the treatment of non-small-cell lung cancer, and is being developed for the treatment of various other solid tumours such as pancreatic cancer, the most common side effects being rash, loss of appetite and fatigue; a more
5 serious side effect which has been reported is interstitial lung disease.

Another growth factor which has received attention as a target for anticancer research is the vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF). VEGF is a key regulator of vasculogenesis during angiogenic processes including wound healing, retinopathy, psoriasis, inflammatory disorders, tumour growth and metastasis. Studies
10 have shown that over-expression of VEGF is strongly associated with invasion and metastasis in human malignant disease.

An example of an antibody that targets the VEGF antigen on the surface of a cell is the monoclonal antibody bevacizumab which is a recombinant humanised monoclonal IgG1 antibody that binds to and inhibits VEGF.
15 Bevacizumab has been used for the treatment of colorectal cancer, for example in combination with 5-fluorouracil. Bevacizumab also being developed as a potential treatment for other solid tumours such as metastatic breast cancer, metastatic non-small-cell lung cancer and renal cell carcinoma. The most serious adverse events associated with bevacizumab include gastrointestinal perforations, hypertensive crises, nephrotic syndrome and congestive heart failure.

20 Another growth factor of importance in tumour development is the platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF) that comprises a family of peptide growth factors that signal through cell surface tyrosine kinase receptors (PDGFR) and stimulate various cellular functions including growth, proliferation, and differentiation. PDGF expression has been demonstrated in a number of different solid tumours including glioblastomas and prostate carcinomas.
25 The tyrosine kinase inhibitor imatinib mesylate, which has the chemical name 4-[(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)methyl]-N-[4-methyl-3-[[4-(3-pyridinyl)-2-ylpyridinyl]amino]-phenyl]benzamide methanesulfonate, blocks activity of the Bcr-Abl oncoprotein and the cell surface tyrosine kinase receptor c-Kit, and as such is approved for the treatment on chronic myeloid leukemia and gastrointestinal stromal tumours. Imatinib mesylate is also a potent inhibitor of PDGFR kinase and is currently being evaluated for the treatment of
30 chronic myelomonocytic leukemia and glioblastoma multiforme, based upon evidence in these diseases of activating mutations in PDGFR. The most frequently reported drug-related adverse events were edema, nausea, vomiting, cramps and musculoskeletal pain.

A further growth factor target for cancer chemotherapy is inhibition of Raf which is a key enzyme in the chain
35 reaction of the body's chemistry that triggers cell growth. Abnormal activation of this pathway is a common factor in the development of most cancers, including two-thirds of melanomas. By blocking the action of Raf kinase, it may be possible to reverse the progression of these tumours. One such inhibitor is sorafenib (BAY 43-9006) which has the chemical name 4-(4-(3-(4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ureido)phenoxy)-N2-methylpyridine-2-carboxamide. Sorafenib targets both the Raf signalling pathway to inhibit cell proliferation and
40 the VEGFR/PDGFR signalling cascades to inhibit tumour angiogenesis. Raf kinase is a specific enzyme in the Ras pathway. Mutations in the Ras gene occur in approximately 20 percent of all human cancers, including 90 percent of pancreatic cancers, 50 percent of colon cancers and 30 percent of non-small cell lung cancers. Sorafenib is being investigated for the treatment of a number of cancers including liver and kidney cancer. The

most common side effects of sorafenib are pain, swelling, redness of the hands and/or feet, and also rash, fatigue and diarrhea.

5 *Biological activity:* The signalling inhibitors of the combinations of the invention are specific inhibitors of cell signalling proteins as described above and have activity against various cancers. Combinations of compounds of Formula I with signalling inhibitors may be beneficial in the treatment and diagnosis of many types of cancer. Combination with a molecularly targeted agent such as a signalling inhibitor (e.g. Iressa, Avastin, herceptin, or Gleevec™) would find particular application in relation to cancers which express or have activated the relevant molecular target such as EGF receptor, VEGF receptor, ErbB2, BCRab1, c-kit, PDGF. Diagnosis of such
10 tumours could be performed using techniques known to a person skilled in the art and as described herein such as RTPCR and FISH.

Problems: There is a need to increase the inhibitory efficacy of signalling inhibitors against tumour growth and also to provide a means for the use of lower dosages of signaling inhibitors to reduce the potential for adverse
15 toxic side effects to the patient.

Preferences: Preferred signalling inhibitors for use in accordance with the invention include antibodies targeting EGFR such as monoclonal antibodies trastuzumab and cetuximab, EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitors such as gefitinib and erlotinib, VEGF targeting antibody is bevacizumab, PDGFR inhibitor such as imatinib
20 mesylate and Raf inhibitor such as sorafenib referred to herein.

Preferred antibodies targeting EGFR include the monoclonal antibodies trastuzumab and cetuximab. Trastuzumab is commercially available from Genentech Inc under the trade name Herceptin, or may be obtained as described in U.S. patent specification No. 5821337. Cetuximab is commercially available from
25 Bristol-Myers Squibb Corporation under the trade name Erbitux, or may be obtained as described in PCT patent specification No. WO 96/40210.

Preferred EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitors include gefitinib and erlotinib. Gefitinib is commercially available from AstraZeneca plc under the trade name Iressa, or may be obtained as described in PCT patent specification No.
30 WO 96/33980. Erlotinib is commercially available from Pfizer Inc under the trade name Tarceva, or may be obtained as described in PCT patent specification No. WO 96/30347.

A preferred antibody targeting VEGF is bevacizumab which is commercially available from Genentech Inc under the trade name Avastin, or may be obtained as described in PCT patent specification No. WO 94/10202.
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A preferred PDGFR inhibitor is imatinib mesylate which is commercially available from Novartis AG under the trade name Gleevec™ (a.k.a. Glivec®), or may be obtained as described in European patent specification No 564409.

40 A preferred Raf inhibitor is sorafenib which is available from Bayer AG, or may be obtained as described in PCT patent specification No. WO 00/42012.

Specific embodiments: In one embodiment, the signalling inhibitor is gefitinib (Iressa). In other embodiments the signalling inhibitor is selected from trastuzumab, cetuximab, gefitinib, erlotinib, bevacizumab, imatinib mesylate and sorafenib.

5 *Posology:* With regard to the EGFR antibodies, these are generally administered in a dosage of 1 to 500 mg per square meter (mg/m^2) of body surface area, trastuzumab being advantageously administered in a dosage of 1 to 5 mg/m^2 of body surface area, particularly 2 to 4 mg/m^2 ; cetuximab is advantageously administered in a dosage of about 200 to 400 mg/m^2 , preferably about 250 mg/m^2 .

10 With regard to the EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitors, these are generally administered in a daily oral dosage of 100 to 500 mg, for example gefitinib in a dosage of about 250 mg and erlotinib in a dosage of about 150 mg.

With regard to the VEGF monoclonal antibody bevacizumab, this is generally administered in a dosage of about 1 to 10 mg/kg for example about 5 mg/kg.

15 With regard to the PDGF inhibitor imatinib, this is generally administered in a dosage of about 400 to 800 mg per day preferably about 400 mg per day.

20 With regard to the Raf inhibitor sorfenib, this is still under evaluation but a possible dosage is about 800mg daily.

These dosages may be administered for example once, twice or more per course of treatment, which may be repeated for example every 7, 14, 21 or 28 days.

25 PKB pathway inhibitors

Another preferred class of signaling inhibitor for use in the combinations of the invention are PKB pathway inhibitors. PKB pathway inhibitors are those that inhibit the activation of PKB, the activity of the kinase itself or modulate downstream targets, blocking the proliferative and cell survival effects of the pathway. Target
30 enzymes in the pathway include Phosphatidyl inositol-3 kinase (PI3K), PKB itself, Mammalian target of rapamycin (MTOR), PDK-1 and p70 S6 kinase and forkhead translocation.

Several components of the PI 3-kinase/PKB/PTEN pathway are implicated in oncogenesis. In addition to growth factor receptor tyrosine kinases, integrin-dependent cell adhesion and G-protein coupled receptors
35 activate PI 3-kinase both directly and indirectly through adaptor molecules. Functional loss of PTEN (the most commonly mutated tumour-suppressor gene in cancer after p53), oncogenic mutations in PI 3-kinase, amplification of PI 3-kinase and overexpression of PKB have been established in many malignancies. In addition, persistent signaling through the PI 3-kinase/PKB pathway by stimulation of the insulin-like growth factor receptor is a mechanism of resistance to epidermal growth factor receptor inhibitors.

40 The discovery of non-random, somatic mutations in the gene encoding p110 α in a range of human tumours suggests an oncogenic role for the mutated PI 3-kinase enzyme (Samuels, et al., Science, 304 554, April 2004). Mutations in p110 α have since been detected in the following human tumours: colon (32%),

hepatocellular (36%) and endometroid and clear cell cancer (20%). p110 α is now the most commonly mutated gene in breast tumours (25-40%). Forkhead family translocations often occur in acute leukemia.

5 The PI 3-kinase/PKB/PTEN pathway is thus an attractive target for cancer drug development since such agents would be expected to inhibit proliferation and surmount resistance to cytotoxic agents in cancer cells. Examples of PKB pathway inhibitors include PI3K Inhibitors such as Semaphore, SF1126 and MTOR inhibitors such as Rapamycin Analogues. RAD 001 (everolimus) from Novartis is an orally available derivative of the compound rapamycin. The compound is a novel macrolide, which is being developed as an antiproliferative drug with applications as an immunosuppressant and anticancer agent. RAD001 exerts its activity on growth-
10 factor dependent proliferation of cells through its high affinity for an intracellular receptor protein, FKBP-12. The resulting FKBP-12/RAD001 complex then binds with mTOR to inhibit downstream signaling events. The compound is currently in clinical development for a wide variety of oncology indications. CCI 779 (temsirolemus) from Wyeth Pharmaceuticals and AP23573 from Ariad Pharmaceuticals are also rapamycin analogues. AP23841 and AP23573 from Ariad Pharmaceutical also target mTOR. Calmodulin inhibitors from
15 Harvard are forkhead translocation inhibitors. (Nature Reviews drug discovery, Exploiting the PI3K/AKT Pathway for Cancer Drug Discovery; Bryan T. Hennessy, Debra L. Smith, Prahlad T. Ram, Yiling Lu and Gordon B. Mills; December 2005, Volume 4; pages 988-1004).

20 Preferred PKB pathway inhibitors for use in the combinations of the invention include PKB inhibitors, as described in more detail below:

Definition: The term "PKB inhibitor" is used herein to define a compound which inhibits or modulates protein kinase B (PKB), including the ionic, salt, solvate, isomers, tautomers, N-oxides, ester, prodrugs, isotopes and protected forms thereof (preferably the salts or tautomers or isomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof, and more
25 preferably, the salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof), as described above.

Technical background: KRX-0401 (Perifosine/ NSC 639966) is a synthetic substituted heterocyclic alkylphosphocholine that acts primarily at the cell membrane targeting signal transduction pathways, including inhibition of PKB phosphorylation. KRX-0401 has been evaluated in phase 1 studies as a potential oral
30 anticancer drug. Dose limiting toxicities included nausea, vomiting and fatigue. Gastrointestinal toxicities increased at higher doses. A phase II trial in refractory sarcoma is planned.

API-2/TCN is a small molecule inhibitor of PKB signaling pathway in tumour cells. Phase I and II clinical trials of API-2/TCN have been conducted on advanced tumours. API-2/TCN exhibited some side effects, which include
35 hepatotoxicity, hypertriglyceridemia, thrombocytopenia, and hyperglycemia. Due to its severe side effects at high doses, API-2/TCN has been limited in the clinic.

RX-0201 is being developed as an AKT protein kinase inhibitor for the treatment of solid tumours. In July 2004, a phase I trial was initiated in patients with advanced or metastasized cancers. Data from this showed RX-0201
40 inhibited overexpression of Akt and suppressed cancer growth in brain, breast, cervix, liver, lung, ovary, prostate and stomach tumours, and was well tolerated. By March 2005, US Orphan Drug status had been granted to RX-0201 for several solid tumour types.

Enzastaurin HCl (LY317615) suppresses angiogenesis and was advanced for clinical development based upon anti-angiogenic activity. It is described as a selective PKC β inhibitor. It also has a direct anti-tumour effect, and suppresses GSK3 β phosphorylation.

- 5 SR-13668 is claimed to be an orally active specific AKT inhibitor that significantly inhibits phospho-AKT in breast cancer cells both in vitro and in vivo. In vivo assessment in mice showed no adverse effects at doses 10 times more than were needed for antitumour activity.

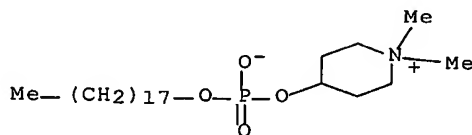
- 10 PX-316 is a D-3-deoxy-phosphatidyl-myo-inositol that binds to the PH domain of PKB, trapping it in the cytoplasm and thus preventing PKB activation. Anti-tumour activity was seen in early xenografts and was well tolerated.

- Allosteric, selective inhibitors of PKB based on a 2,3-diphenylquinoxaline core or a 5,6-diphenylpyrazin-2(1H)-one core have been developed (Merck).

- 15 KRX-0401: In a Phase I weekly dosing study conducted in Europe, the recommended Phase II dose was 600/mg/week. Subsequent studies conducted in the U.S. have shown that much higher doses are well tolerated when the doses are divided and administered at 4 to 6 hour intervals. In addition, it has been shown that KRX-0401 has a very long half-life in the range of 100 hours. This makes the possibility of a relative non-toxic, intermittent dosing schedule very plausible.

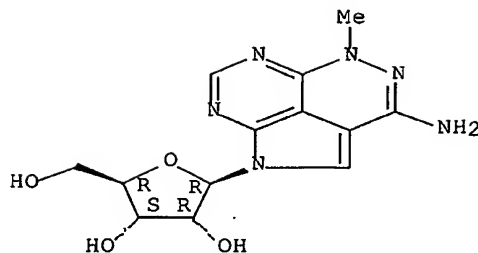
- A phase I trial of API-2 was conducted using a 5-day continuous infusion schedule. Dose levels ranged from 10 mg/sq m/day X 5 days to 40 mg/sq m/day X 5 days. Initially, courses were repeated every 3 to 4 weeks. As cumulative toxicity became manifested, the interval between courses was changed to every 6 weeks.
- 25 Recommended schedule for Phase II studies is 20 mg/sq m/day for 5 days every 6 weeks. A Phase II trial of TCN-P was conducted in metastatic or recurrent squamous cell carcinoma of the cervix using a 5-day continuous infusion schedule. The starting dose was 35 mg/m² x 5 days and courses were repeated every 6 weeks.

- 30 Further PKB inhibitors include Perifosine from Keryx Biopharmaceuticals. Perifosine is an oral Akt inhibitor which exerts a marked cytotoxic effect on human tumour cell lines, and is currently being tested in several phase II trials for treatment of major human cancers. KRX-0401 (Perifosine/ NSC 639966) has the structure:



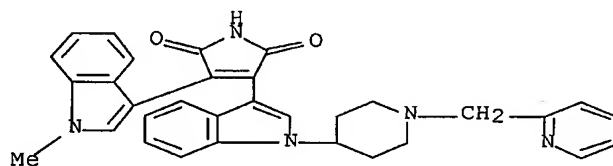
- 35 It can be prepared according to Aste Medica patent publication DE4222910 or Xenoport patent publication US2003171303.

- 40 API-2/TCN (Triciribine) has the structure:



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5 WO2003061385.

Enzastaurin hydrochloride has the structure:



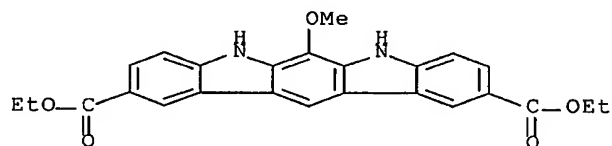
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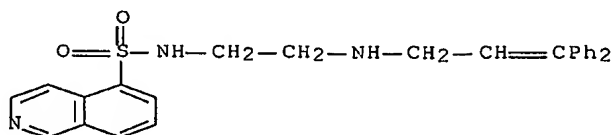
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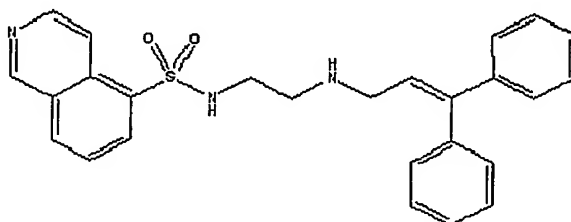
NL-71-101 has the structure:



It can be prepared according to Biochemistry (2002), 41(32), 10304-10314 or Peptor patent publication
25 WO2001091754.

DeveloGen (formerly Peptor) is investigating NL-71-101, a protein kinase B (PKB) inhibitor, for the potential treatment of cancer [466579], [539004]. At the beginning of 2003, the compound was undergoing lead optimization [495463]. By February 2004, the company was seeking to outlicense certain development rights to its protein kinase B program [523638].

In 2002, data were published showing that NL-71-101 inhibited the activity of PKB over PKA, PKG and PKC with IC₅₀ values of 3.7, 9, 36 and 104 microM, respectively. NL-71-101 induced apoptosis in OVCAR-3 tumour cells, in which PKB is amplified at concentrations of 50 and 100 microM [466579]. This compound has the structure:



Specific embodiments: Embodiments contemplated include combinations in which the anti-cancer agent is a PKB inhibitor selected from one or more of the specific compounds described above.

11. CDK inhibitors

Definition: The term "CDK inhibitor" as used herein refers to compounds that inhibit or modulate the activity of cyclin dependent kinases (CDK), including the ionic, salt, solvate, isomers, tautomers, N-oxides, ester, prodrugs, isotopes and protected forms thereof (preferably the salts or tautomers or isomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof, and more preferably, the salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof), as described above.

Technical background: CDKs play a role in the regulation of the cell cycle, apoptosis, transcription, differentiation and CNS function. Therefore, CDK inhibitors may find application in the treatment of diseases in which there is a disorder of proliferation, apoptosis or differentiation such as cancer. In particular RB+ve tumours may be particularly sensitive to CDK inhibitors. RB-ve tumours may also be sensitive to CDK inhibitors.

In addition to the CDK compounds of formula I herein, the combinations of the present invention may include further CDK compounds being one or more further CDK inhibitors or modulators selected from the compounds of formula I and the various further CDK inhibitors described herein.

Examples of further CDK inhibitors which may be used in combinations according to the invention include seliciclib, alvocidib, 7-hydroxy-staurosporine, JNJ-7706621, BMS-387032, PHA533533, PD332991, ZK-304709 and AZD-5438.

Seliciclib, which is the R isomer of roscovitine, and otherwise known as CYC 202, has the chemical name (2R)-2-[[9-(1-methylethyl)-6-[(phenylmethyl)-amino]-9H-purin-2-yl]amino]-1-butanol. It is being evaluated in clinical

trials for the potential treatment of various cancers including lymphoid leukaemia, non-small-cell lung cancer, glomerulonephritis, mantle cell lymphoma, multiple myeloma, and breast cancer. Observed toxicities in clinical trials include nausea/vomiting and asthenia, skin rash and hypokalemia. Other toxicities included reversible renal impairment and transaminitis, and emesis.

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Alvocidib, which is otherwise known as flavopiridol, HMR 1275 or L 86-8275, and which has the chemical name 5,7-dihydroxy-8-(4-N-methyl-2-hydroxypyridyl)-6'-chloroflavone, is being investigated in clinical trials for the potential treatment of various cancers including cancer of the esophagus, stomach, prostate, lung and colon, and also chronic lymphocytic leukaemia, and multiple myeloma, lymphoma; the most common toxicities observed were diarrhea, tumour pain, anemia, dyspnea and fatigue.

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7-Hydroxystaurosporine, which is otherwise known as UCN-01 is being evaluated in clinical trials for the potential treatment of various cancers including chronic lymphocytic leukaemia, pancreas tumours and renal tumours; adverse events observed included nausea, headache and hyperglycemia.

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JNJ-7706621, which has the chemical name N3-[4-(aminosulfonyl)-phenyl]-1-(2,6-difluorobenzoyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazole-3,5-diamine, is the subject of pre-clinical testing for the potential treatment of melanoma and prostate cancer. BMS-387032 which has the chemical name N-[5-[[[5-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-2-oxazolyl]-methyl]thio]-2-thiazolyl]-4-piperidinecarboxamide, has been evaluated in phase I studies as a potential anticancer drug for patients with metastatic solid tumours such as renal cell carcinomas, non-small-cell lung cancer, head and neck cancers and leiomyosarcoma. The drug was well tolerated with transient neutropenia noted as the primary toxicity. Other side-effects included transient liver aminase elevations, gastrointestinal toxicity, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and anorexia. PHA533533, which has the chemical name (α S)-N-(5-cyclopropyl-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)- α -methyl-4-(2-oxo-1-pyrrolidinyl)-benzene-acetamide, is the subject of pre-clinical testing for the potential treatment of various cancers such as tumours of the prostate, colon and ovary. PD332991, which has the chemical name 8-cyclohexyl-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidin-7(8H)-one, is the subject of pre-clinical testing for the potential treatment of various cancers. Pre-clinical data suggests that it is a highly selective and potent CDK4 inhibitor, demonstrating marked tumour regression in vivo models.

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ZK-304709 is an oral dual specificity CDK and VEGFR kinase inhibitor, described in PCT patent specification No. WO 02/096888, and is the subject of pre-clinical testing for the potential treatment of various cancers. AZD-5438 is a selective cyclin-dependent kinase (CDK) inhibitor, which is in pre-clinical development for the treatment of solid cancers. Seliciclib may be prepared for example as described in PCT patent specification No. WO 97/20842, or by processes analogous thereto. Alvocidib, may be prepared for example as described in U.S. patent specification No. 4900727 or by processes analogous thereto. 7-Hydroxystaurosporine may be prepared for example as described in U.S. patent specification No. 4935415, or by processes analogous thereto. JNJ-7706621 may be prepared for example as described in PCT patent specification No. WO 02/057240, or by processes analogous thereto. BMS-387032 may be prepared for example as described in PCT patent specification No. WO 01/44242, or by processes analogous thereto. PHA533533 may be prepared for example as described in U.S. patent specification No. 6455559, or by processes analogous thereto. PD332991, may be prepared for example as described in PCT patent specification No. WO 98/33798, or by processes analogous thereto. ZK-304709 may be prepared for example as described in PCT patent specification No. WO 02/096888, or by processes analogous thereto.

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Preferences and specific embodiments: In addition to the CDK compounds of formula I herein, the combinations of the present invention may include further CDK compounds being one or more further CDK inhibitors or modulators selected from the compounds of formula I and the various further CDK inhibitors described herein. Thus, the one or more further CDK inhibitors or modulators for use in the combinations of the invention may be selected from the compounds of formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) . Alternatively, they may not conform to the aforementioned formulae, and may for example correspond to any of the various further CDK inhibitors described herein. Thus, embodiments contemplated include combinations in which the anti-cancer agent is a CDK inhibitor selected from one or more of the specific compounds described above. Thus, preferred CDK inhibitors for use in combinations according to the invention include seliciclib, alvocidib, 7-hydroxystaurosporine, JNJ-7706621, BMS-387032, PHA533533, PD332991, ZK-304709 and AZD-5438.

Posology: The CDK inhibitor may be administered for example in a daily dosage of for example 0.5 to 2500 mg, more preferably 10 to 1000mg, or alternatively 0.001 to 300 mg /kg, more preferably 0.01 to 100 mg/kg, particularly for seliciclib, in a dosage of 10 to 50 mg; for alvocidib, in a dosage in accordance with the above-mentioned U.S. patent specification No. 4900727; for 7-hydroxystaurosporine in a dosage of 0.01 to 20mg/kg; for JNJ-7706621 in a dosage of 0.001 to 300mg/kg; for BMS-387032 in a dosage of 0.001 to 100mg/kg more preferably 0.01 to 50 mg/kg, and most preferably 0.01 to 20 mg/kg; for PHA533533 in a dosage of 10 to 2500 mg; for PD332991 in a dosage of 1 to 100 mg/kg; and for ZK-304709 in a dosage of 0.5 to 1000 mg preferably 50 to 200 mg.

These dosages may be administered for example once, twice or more per course of treatment, which may be repeated for example every 7, 14, 21 or 28 days.

12. COX-2 inhibitors

Definition: The term "COX-2 inhibitor" is used herein to define compounds which inhibit or modulate the activity of the cyclo-oxygenase-2 (COX-2) enzyme, including the ionic, salt, solvate, isomers, tautomers, N-oxides, ester, prodrugs, isotopes and protected forms thereof (preferably the salts or tautomers or isomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof, and more preferably, the salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof), as described above.

Biological activity: The COX-2 inhibitors working via one or more pharmacological actions as described herein have been identified as suitable anti-cancer agents.

Technical background: Recently, research in cancer chemotherapy has focused on the role of the cyclo-oxygenase-2 (COX-2) enzyme. Epidemiological studies have shown that people who regularly take non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), for example aspirin and ibuprofen to treat conditions such as arthritis, have lower rates of colorectal polyps, colorectal cancer, and death due to colorectal cancer. NSAIDs block cyclooxygenase enzymes, which are produced by the body in inflammatory processes, and which are also produced by pre-cancerous tissues. For example in colon cancers, a dramatic increase of COX-2 levels is observed. One of the key factors for tumour growth is the supply of blood to support its increased size. Many

tumours can harness chemical pathways that prompt the body to create a web of new blood vessels around the cancer, a process called angiogenesis. COX-2 is believed to have a role in this process. It has therefore been concluded that inhibition of COX-2 may be effective for treating cancer, and COX-2 inhibitors have been developed for this purpose. For example celecoxib, which has the chemical name 4-[5-(4-methylphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide, is a selective COX-2 inhibitor that is being investigated for the treatment of various cancers including bladder and esophageal cancer, renal cell carcinoma, cervical cancer, breast cancer, pancreatic cancer non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and non-small cell lung cancer.

Posology: The COX-2 inhibitor (for example celecoxib) can be administered in a dosage such as 100 to 200 mg.

These dosages may be administered for example once, twice or more per course of treatment, which may be repeated for example every 7, 14, 21 or 28 days.

Problems: The most common adverse effects are headache, abdominal pain, dyspepsia, diarrhea, nausea, flatulence and insomnia. There is a need to provide a means for the use of lower dosages of COX-2 inhibitors to reduce the potential for adverse toxic side effects to the patient.

Preferences and specific embodiments: In one embodiment the COX-2 inhibitor is celecoxib. Celecoxib is commercially available for example from Pfizer Inc under the trade name Celebrex, or may be prepared for example as described in PCT patent specification No. WO 95/15316, or by processes analogous thereto.

13. HDAC inhibitors

Definition: The term "HDAC inhibitor" is used herein to define compounds which inhibit or modulate the activity of histone deacetylases (HDAC), including the ionic, salt, solvate, isomers, tautomers, N-oxides, ester, prodrugs, isotopes and protected forms thereof (preferably the salts or tautomers or isomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof, and more preferably, the salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof), as described above.

Biological activity: The HDAC inhibitors working via one or more pharmacological actions as described herein have been identified as suitable anti-cancer agents.

Technical background: Reversible acetylation of histones is a major regulator of gene expression that acts by altering accessibility of transcription factors to DNA. In normal cells, histone deacetylase (HDA or HDAC) and histone acetyltransferase (HAT) together control the level of acetylation of histones to maintain a balance. Inhibition of HAT results in the accumulation of hyperacetylated histones, which results in a variety of cellular responses. Inhibitors of HAT (HAI) have been studied for their therapeutic effects on cancer cells. Recent developments in the field of HAI research have provided active compounds, both highly efficacious and stable, that are suitable for treating tumours.

Accruing evidence suggests that HAI are even more efficacious when used in combination with other chemotherapeutic agents. There are both synergistic and additive advantages, both for efficacy and safety.

Therapeutic effects of combinations of chemotherapeutic agents with HDAC can result in lower safe dosage ranges of each component in the combination.

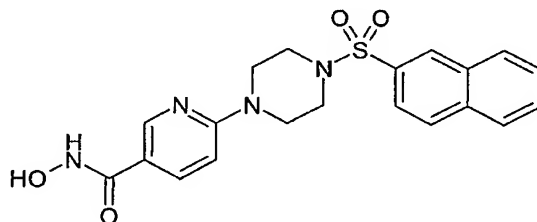
The study of inhibitors of histone deacetylases (HDAC) indicates that indeed these enzymes play an important role in cell proliferation and differentiation. The inhibitor Trichostatin A (TSA) causes cell cycle arrest at both G1 and G2 phases, reverts the transformed phenotype of different cell lines, and induces differentiation of Friend leukaemia cells and others. TSA (and suberoylanilide hydroxamic acid SAHA) have been reported to inhibit cell growth, induce terminal differentiation, and prevent the formation of tumours in mice (Finnin et al., Nature, 401:188 – 193, 1999).

Trichostatin A has also been reported to be useful in the treatment of fibrosis, e.g. liver fibrosis and liver cirrhosis. (Geerts et al., European Patent Application EP0 827 742, published 11 March 1998).

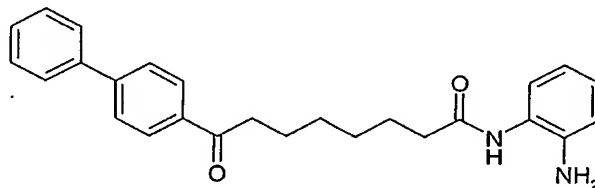
Preferences and specific embodiments: Preferred HDAC inhibitors for use in accordance with the invention are selected from TSA, SAHA, JNJ-16241199, LAQ-824, MGCD-0103 and PXD-101 (referred to above).

Thus, synthetic inhibitors of histone deacetylases (HDAC) which are suitable for use in the present invention include JNJ-16241199 from Johnson and Johnson Inc, LAQ-824 from Novartis, MGCD-0103 from MethylGene, and PXD-101 from Prolifix.

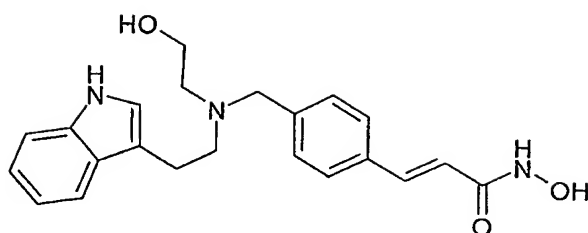
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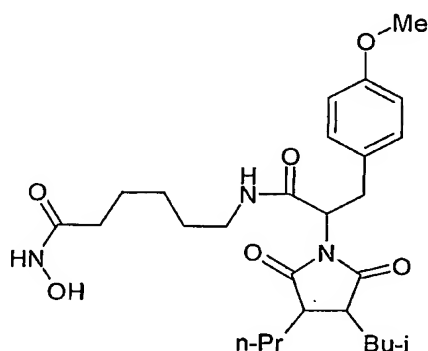


LAQ-824 has the structure:



Other inhibitors of histone deacetylases (HDAC) which are suitable for use in the present invention include, but are not limited to, the peptide chlamydocin, and A-173, also from Abbott Laboratories.

A-173 is a succinimide macrocyclic compound with the following structure:



Posology: In general, for HDAC inhibitors it is contemplated that a therapeutically effective amount would be from 0.005 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg body weight, and in particular from .005 mg/kg to 10 mg/kg body weight. It may be appropriate to administer the required dose as two, three, four or more sub-doses at appropriate intervals throughout the day. Said sub-doses may be formulated as unit dosage forms, for example, containing 0.5 to 500 mg, and in particular 10 mg to 500 mg of active ingredient per unit dosage form.

14. DNA methylase inhibitors

Definition: The term "DNA methylase inhibitor" or "DNA methyltransferase inhibitor" as used herein refers to a compound which directly or indirectly perturbs, disrupts, blocks, modulates or inhibits the methylation of DNA, including the ionic, salt, solvate, isomers, tautomers, N-oxides, ester, prodrugs, isotopes and protected forms thereof (preferably the salts or tautomers or isomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof, and more preferably, the salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof), as described above.

Biological activity: The DNA methylase inhibitors working via one or more pharmacological actions as described herein have been identified as suitable anti-cancer agents.

Technical background: One target for cancer chemotherapy is DNA synthesis, which may depend on appropriate methylation of tumour DNA. Compounds which directly or indirectly perturb, disrupt, block, modulate or inhibit the methylation of DNA may therefore be useful anticancer drugs.

5 The DNA methylase inhibitor temozolomide is used for the treatment of glioblastoma multiforme, and is also being investigated and used for the treatment of malignant glioma at first relapse and first-line treatment of patients with advanced metastatic malignant melanoma. This compound undergoes rapid chemical conversion at physiological pH to the active compound, monomethyl triazeno imidazole carboxamide (MTIC) which is responsible for the methylation of DNA at the O⁶ position of guanine residues (which appears to lead to a
10 suppression in expression of DNA methyltransferase and so produce hypomethylation).

Problems: The most common side effects associated with temozolomide therapy are nausea, vomiting, headache, fatigue, and constipation. There is a need to increase the inhibitory efficacy of DNA methylase inhibitors and to provide a means for the use of lower dosages of signaling inhibitors to reduce the potential for
15 adverse toxic side effects to the patient.

Preferences and specific embodiments: In one embodiment, the DNA methylase inhibitor is temozolomide (3,4-dihydro-3-methyl-4-oxoimidazo[5,1-d]-as-tetrazine-8-carboxamide). Temozolomide is commercially available for example from Schering Corporation under the trade name Temodar, or may be prepared for
20 example as described in German patent specification No. 3231255, or by processes analogous thereto.

Posology: The DNA methylating agent (for example temozolomide) can be administered in a dosage such as 0.5 to 2.5 mg per square meter (mg/m²) of body surface area, particularly about 1.3 mg/m². These dosages may be administered for example once, twice or more per course of treatment, which may be repeated for
25 example every 7, 14, 21 or 28 days.

15. Proteasome inhibitors

Definition: The term "proteasome inhibitor" as used herein refers to compounds which directly or indirectly
30 perturb, disrupt, block, modulate or inhibit the half-life of many short-lived biological processes, such as those involved in the cell cycle. The term therefore embraces compounds which block the action of proteasomes (large protein complexes that are involved in the turnover of other cellular proteins). The term also embraces the ionic, salt, solvate, isomers, tautomers, N-oxides, ester, prodrugs, isotopes and protected forms thereof (preferably the salts or tautomers or isomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof, and more preferably, the salts or
35 tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof), as described above.

Biological activity: The proteasome inhibitors working via one or more pharmacological actions as described herein have been identified as suitable anti-cancer agents.

40 *Technical background:* Another class of anticancer agents are the proteasome inhibitors. Proteasomes control the half-life of many short-lived biological processes, such as those involved in the cell cycle. Therefore, proteasome malfunction can lead to abnormal regulation of the cell cycle and uncontrolled cell growth.

The cell cycle is controlled by both positive and negative signals. In a normal cell, proteasomes break down proteins that inhibit the cell cycle, such as cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitors. Inhibition of proteasome function causes cell cycle arrest and cell death. Tumour cells are more susceptible to these effects than normal cells, in part because they divide more rapidly and in part because many of their normal regulatory pathways are disrupted. The mechanism for the differential response of normal and cancer cells to proteasome inhibition is not fully understood. Overall, cancer cells are more susceptible to proteasome inhibitors and, as a result, these inhibitors may be an effective treatment for certain cancers.

One such proteasome inhibitor is bortezomib, which has the chemical name [(1R)-3-methyl-1-[[[(2S)-1-oxo-3-phenyl-2-[(pyrazinylcarbonyl)amino]propyl]amino]butyl]-boronic acid. Bortezomib specifically interacts with a key amino acid, namely threonine, within the catalytic site of the proteasome. Bortezomib is being used for the treatment of multiple myeloma and also for a number of other cancers, including leukemia and lymphoma, and prostate, pancreatic and colorectal carcinoma.

Problems: The most common side effects with bortezomib are nausea, tiredness, diarrhea, constipation, decreased platelet blood count, fever, vomiting, and decreased appetite. Bortezomib can also cause peripheral neuropathy.

Thus, there is a need to provide a means for the use of lower dosages to reduce the potential of adverse toxic side effects to the patient.

Preferences and specific embodiments: Preferred proteasome inhibitors for use in accordance with the invention include bortezomib. Bortezomib is commercially available for example from Millennium Pharmaceuticals Inc under the trade name Velcade, or may be prepared for example as described in PCT patent specification No. WO 96/13266, or by processes analogous thereto.

Dosology: The proteasome inhibitor (such as bortezomib) can be administered in a dosage such as 100 to 200 mg/m².

These dosages may be administered for example once, twice or more per course of treatment, which may be repeated for example every 7, 14, 21 or 28 days.

The antibiotic bleomycin may also be used as a cytotoxic agent as an anti-cancer agent according to the invention.

Anti-cancer agent combinations

The two or more further anti-cancer agents may be independently selected from carboplatin, cisplatin, taxol, taxotere, gemcitabine, and vinorelbine. Preferably the two or more further anti-cancer agents are carboplatin, taxol and vinorelbine, or carboplatin and taxol.

Combinations of compounds of Formula (I) with carboplatin, taxol and vinorelbine or combinations of compounds of Formula (I) with carboplatin and taxol, are particularly suitable for treating Non-Small cell lung cancer.

In one embodiment, the two or more further anti-cancer agents are independently selected from 5-FU, leucovorin, oxaliplatin, CPT 11, and bevacizumab.

5 Preferably the two or more further anti-cancer agents are 5-FU, leucovorin and CPT 11, or 5-FU, leucovorin and oxaliplatin.

Combinations of compounds of Formula (I) with 5-FU, leucovorin and CPT 11 or a combination of compounds of Formula (I) with 5-FU, leucovorin and oxaliplatin, are particularly suitable for treating colon cancer.

10 In one embodiment, the two or more further anti-cancer agents are independently selected from methotrexate, taxanes, anthracyclines e.g. doxorubicin, herceptin, 5-FU, and cyclophosphamide.

In one embodiment, the two or more further anti-cancer agents are independently selected from taxanes, anthracyclines e.g. doxorubicin, herceptin, 5-FU, and cyclophosphamide.

15 In one embodiment, the two or more further anti-cancer agents are independently selected from 5-FU, methotrexate, cyclophosphamide and doxorubicin

20 Preferably the two or more further anti-cancer agents are 5-FU, methotrexate and cyclophosphamide or 5-FU, doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide or doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide.

Combinations of compounds of Formula (I) with 5-FU, methotrexate and cyclophosphamide, or a combination of compounds of Formula (I) with 5-FU, doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide, or combinations of compounds of Formula (I) with doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide, are particularly suitable for treating breast cancer.

25 In one embodiment, the two or more further anti-cancer agents are independently selected from cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin (hydroxydaunorubicin), vincristine, and prednisone.

30 Preferably the two or more further anti-cancer agents are cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin (hydroxydaunorubicin), vincristine and prednisone, or cyclophosphamide, vincristine and prednisone.

Combinations of compounds of Formula (I) with cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin (hydroxydaunorubicin), vincristine and prednisone are particularly suitable for treating non Hodgkin's lymphoma (and in particular high grade non Hodgkin's lymphoma).

35 Combinations of compounds of Formula (I) with cyclophosphamide, vincristine and prednisone are particularly suitable for treating non Hodgkin's lymphoma (and in particular low grade non Hodgkin's lymphoma).

In one embodiment, the two or more further anti-cancer agents are independently selected from vincristine, doxorubicin, and dexamethasone.

40 Preferably the two or more further anti-cancer agents are vincristine, doxorubicin and dexamethasone.

Combinations of compounds of Formula (I) with vincristine, doxorubicin and dexamethasone are particularly suitable for treating multiple myeloma.

5 In one embodiment, the two or more further anti-cancer agents are independently selected from fludarabine and rituxamab.

Preferably the two or more further anti-cancer agents are fludarabine and rituxamab.

10 Combinations of compounds of Formula (I) with fludarabine and rituxamab are particularly suitable for treating chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

In one embodiment the combination of the invention optionally excludes combination of two or more of the following further anti-cancer agents selected from a topoisomerase inhibitor, an alkylating agent, a antimetabolite, DNA binders, monoclonal antibodies, signal transduction inhibitors and microtubule inhibitors (tubulin targeting agents), such as cisplatin, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, irinotecan, fludarabine, 5FU, taxanes and mitomycin C.

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In one embodiment the combination of the invention includes at least one further anti-cancer agent selected from an antiandrogen, a histone deacetylase inhibitor (HDAC), cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitor, proteasome inhibitor, DNA methylation inhibitor and a further CDK inhibitor.

20 Specific Combinations of the Invention

Particular combinations according to the invention include compounds of Formula (I) and subgroups thereof as defined herein with the following two or more further anti-cancer agents:

25 For cancer (and in particular acute myeloid leukemia) treatment, two or more further anti-cancer agents independently selected from two or more of anthracycline, Ara C (a.k.a. Cytarabine), 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, mitoxantrone, daunorubicin, idarubicin, gemtuzumab ozogamicin and granulocyte colony stimulating factors. Alternatively, the two or more further anti-cancer agents may be independently selected from two or more of anthracycline, Ara C (a.k.a. Cytarabine), daunorubicin, idarubicin, gemtuzumab ozogamicin and granulocyte colony stimulating factors.

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For cancer (and in particular breast cancer) treatment, two or more further anti-cancer agents independently selected from bevacizumab, taxanes, methotrexate, paclitaxel, docetaxel, gemcitabine, anastrozole, exemestane, letrozole, tamoxifen, doxorubicin, herceptin, 5-fluorouracil, cyclophosphamide, epirubicin and capecitabine, particularly 5-FU, methotrexate and cyclophosphamide; 5FU, doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide; or doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide. Preferably, for cancer (and in particular breast cancer) treatment, the two or more further anti-cancer agents may also be independently selected from taxanes, methotrexate, paclitaxel, docetaxel, gemcitabine, anastrozole, exemestane, letrozole, tamoxifen, doxorubicin, herceptin, 5-fluorouracil, cyclophosphamide, epirubicin and capecitabine, particularly 5-FU, methotrexate and cyclophosphamide; 5FU, doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide; or doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide.

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Typical dosing regimens include:

- Cyclophosphamide at 100mg/m² PO Daily x 14 days, Doxorubicin at 30mg/m² IV Day 1 & day 8 and fluorouracil at 500mg/m² IV Day 1 & day 8, repeated every 28 days for up to 6 cycles
- 5 • Cyclophosphamide at 600mg/m² IV Day 1 and Doxorubicin at 60mg/m² IV Day 1, repeated every 21 days for up to 4 cycles

10 For cancer (and in particular chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)) treatment, two or more further anti-cancer agents independently selected from alemtuzumab, chlorambucil, cyclophosphamide, vincristine, prednisolone, fludarabine, mitoxantrone and rituximab/rituxamab, particularly fludarabine and rituxamab. Preferably, for cancer (and in particular chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)) treatment, the two or more further anti-cancer agents are independently selected from chlorambucil, cyclophosphamide, vincristine, prednisolone, fludarabine, mitoxantrone and rituximab/rituxamab, particularly fludarabine and rituxamab.

15 For cancer (and in particular chronic myeloid leukemia (CML)) treatment, two or more further anti-cancer agents independently selected from hydroxyurea, cytarabine, and imatinib.

20 For cancer (and in particular Colon Cancer treatment), two or more further anti-cancer agents independently selected from cetuximab, 5-Fluorouracil, leucovorin, irinotecan, oxaliplatin, raltirexed, capecitabine, bevacizumab, oxaliplatin, CPT 11, particularly 5-Fluorouracil, Leucovorin and CPT 11 or Fluorouracil, Leucovorin and Oxaliplatin.

25 Alternatively, for cancer (and in particular Colon Cancer treatment), two or more further anti-cancer agents independently selected from 5-Fluorouracil, leucovorin, irinotecan, oxaliplatin, raltirexed, capecitabine, bevacizumab, oxaliplatin, CPT 11 and Avastin, particularly 5-Fluorouracil, Leucovorin and CPT 11 or Fluorouracil, Leucovorin and Oxaliplatin.

Typical dosing regimens include:

- 30 • Fluorouracil at 400-425mg/m² IV Days 1 to 5 and Leucovorin at 20mg/m² IV Days 1 to 5, repeated every 28 days for 6 cycles
- Irinotecan at 100-125mg/m² IV over 90 minutes Days 1, 8, 15 & 22, Folinic acid at 20mg/m² IV Days 1, 8, 15 & 22, and Fluorouracil at 400-500mg/m² IV Days 1, 8, 15 & 22, repeated every 42 days until disease progression
- 35 • Oxaliplatin at 85 mg/m² IV in 500mL of D5W over 120 minutes Day 1, Folinic acid at 200 mg/m² IV over 120 minutes Days 1 & 2, Fluorouracil at 400 mg/m² IV bolus, after Folinic Acid, Days 1 & 2, then Fluorouracil at 600 mg/m² CIV over 22 hours Days 1 & 2, repeated every 12 days for up to 12 cycles

40 For cancer (and in particular multiple myeloma treatment), two or more further anti-cancer agents independently selected from vincristine, doxorubicin, dexamethasone, melphalan, prednisone, cyclophosphamide, etoposide, pamidronate, zoledronate and bortezomib, particularly vincristine, doxorubicin and dexamethasone.

For cancer (and in particular Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma treatment), two or more further anti-cancer agents independently selected from cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin/hydroxydaunorubicin, vincristine/Onco-TCS (V/O), prednisolone, methotrexate, cytarabine, bleomycin, etoposide, rituximab/rituxamab, fludarabine, cisplatin, and ifosphamide, particularly cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin (hydroxydaunorubicin), vincristine and prednisone for high grade NHL or cyclophosphamide, vincristine and prednisone for low grade NHL.

For cancer (and in particular Non Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)) treatment, two or more further anti-cancer agents may be independently selected from bevacizumab, gefitinib, erlotinib, cisplatin, carboplatin, etoposide, mitomycin, vinblastine, paclitaxel, docetaxel, gemcitabine and vinorelbine, especially taxol, vinorelbine and carboplatin or taxol and carboplatin. Particularly preferred for cancer (and in particular Non Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)) treatment, two or more further anti-cancer agents are independently selected from cisplatin, carboplatin, etoposide, mitomycin, vinblastine, paclitaxel, docetaxel, gemcitabine and vinorelbine, especially taxol, vinorelbine and carboplatin or taxol and carboplatin.

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Typical dosing regimens include:

- Gemcitabine at 1000mg/m² IV Days 1, 8 & 15, and Cisplatin at 75-100mg/m² IV Day 1, repeated every 28 days for 4-6 cycles
- Paclitaxel at 135-225mg/m² IV over 3hrs Day 1 and Carboplatin at AUC 6.0 IV Day 1, repeated every 21 days for 4-6 cycles
- Docetaxel at 75mg/m² IV Day 1, and Carboplatin at AUC 5 or 6 IV Day 1, repeated every 21 days for 4-6 cycles
- Docetaxel at 75mg/m² IV Day 1, and Cisplatin at 75mg/m² IV Day 1, repeated every 21 days for 4-6cycles

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For cancer (and in particular ovarian cancer) treatment, two or more further anti-cancer agents independently selected from platinum compounds (for example Cisplatin, Carboplatin), taxol, doxorubicin, liposomal doxorubicin, paclitaxel, docetaxel, gemcitabine, melphalan and mitoxantrone.

For cancer (and in particular prostate cancer) treatment, two or more further anti-cancer agents independently selected from mitoxantrone, prednisone, buserelin, goserelin, bicalutamide, nilutamide, flutamide, cyproterone acetate, megestrol/megestrel, diethylstilboestrol, docetaxel, paclitaxel, zoledronic acid and taxotere.

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Pharmaceutical Formulations

While it is possible for the active compounds in the combinations of the invention to be administered without any accompanying pharmaceutical excipients or carriers, it is preferable to present them in the form of pharmaceutical compositions (e.g. formulations). As such, they may be formulated for simultaneous or sequential administration.

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Where they are intended for sequential administration, they will typically be formulated in separate compositions which may be of the same type or a different type. Thus, for example, the components of the

combination may be formulated for delivery by the same route (e.g. both by the oral route or both by injection) or they may be formulated for administration by different routes (e.g. one by the oral route and another by a parenteral route such as by i.v. injection or infusion). In a preferred embodiment the compound 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide and salts thereof, particularly acid addition salts such as the methanesulphonic acid, acetic acid and hydrochloric acid salts is administered sequentially (either before or after) or simultaneously with the two or more further anti-cancer agents. Preferably the compound 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide and salts thereof, particularly acid addition salts such as the methanesulphonic acid, acetic acid and hydrochloric acid salts is administered using an i.v. formulation as defined herein.

- 10 When they are intended for simultaneous administration, they may be formulated together or separately and, as above, may be formulated for administration by the same route or by different routes.

The compositions typically comprise at least one active compound of the combination together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, adjuvants, excipients, diluents, fillers, buffers, stabilisers, preservatives, lubricants, or other materials well known to those skilled in the art. The compositions may also include other therapeutic or prophylactic agents, for example agents that reduce or alleviate some of the side effects associated with chemotherapy. Particular examples of such agents include anti-emetic agents and agents that prevent or decrease the duration of chemotherapy-associated neutropenia and prevent complications that arise from reduced levels of red blood cells or white blood cells, for example erythropoietin (EPO), granulocyte macrophage-colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF), and granulocyte-colony stimulating factor (G-CSF).

Also included are agents that inhibit bone resorption such as bisphosphonate agents e.g. zoledronate, pamidronate and ibandronate, as well as agents that suppress inflammatory responses (such as dexamethazone, prednisone, and prednisolone). Also included are agents used to reduce blood levels of growth hormone and IGF-I in acromegaly patients such as synthetic forms of the brain hormone somatostatin, which includes octreotide acetate which is a long-acting octapeptide with pharmacologic properties mimicking those of the natural hormone somatostatin. Further included are agents such as leucovorin, which is used as an antidote to drugs that decrease levels of folic acid, or folinic acid itself. In one particular embodiment is the combination of 5FU and leucovorin or 5FU and folinic acid. In addition megestrol acetate can be used for the treatment of side-effects including oedema and thromboembolic episodes.

- 30 Therefore in one embodiment the combinations further include an additional agent selected from erythropoietin (EPO), granulocyte macrophage-colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF), granulocyte-colony stimulating factor (G-CSF), zoledronate, pamidronate, ibandronate, dexamethazone, prednisone, prednisolone, leucovorin, folinic acid and megestrol acetate.

In particular the combinations further include an additional agent selected from erythropoietin (EPO), granulocyte macrophage-colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF), granulocyte-colony stimulating factor (G-CSF), zoledronate, pamidronate, dexamethazone, prednisone, prednisolone, leucovorin, and folinic acid such as erythropoietin (EPO), granulocyte macrophage-colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF) and granulocyte-colony stimulating factor (G-CSF).

Zoledronic acid is available from Novartis under the Tradename Zometa®. It is used in the treatment of bone metastasis in a variety of tumor types and for the treatment of hypercalcemia.

5 Pamidronate disodium (APD) available from Novartis under the tradename Aredia is a bone-resorption inhibitor and is used in the treatment of moderate or severe hypercalcemia. Pamidronate disodium is for i.v. injection.

10 Octreotide acetate is available from Novartis as Sandostatin LAR ® (octreotide acetate for injectable suspension) and Sandostatin® (octreotide acetate for injection ampuls or for vials). Octreotide is known chemically as L-Cysteinamide, D-phenylalanyl-L-cysteiny-L-phenylalanyl-D-tryptophyl-L-lysyl-L-threonyl-N-[2-hydroxy-1-(hydroxy-methyl) propyl]-, cyclic (2, 7)-disulfide; [R-(R*,R*)]. Synthetic forms of the brain hormone somatostatin, such as octreotide, work at the site of the tumour. They bind to sst-2/sst-5 receptors to regulate gastrointestinal hormone secretion and affect tumour growth.

15 Thus, the present invention further provides pharmaceutical compositions, as defined above, and methods of making a pharmaceutical composition comprising admixing at least one active compound, as defined above, together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients, buffers, adjuvants, stabilizers, or other materials, as described herein.

20 The term "pharmaceutically acceptable" as used herein pertains to compounds, materials, compositions, and/or dosage forms which are, within the scope of sound medical judgment, suitable for use in contact with the tissues of a subject (e.g. human) without excessive toxicity, irritation, allergic response, or other problem or complication, commensurate with a reasonable benefit/risk ratio. Each carrier, excipient, etc. must also be "acceptable" in the sense of being compatible with the other ingredients of the formulation.

25 Accordingly, in a further aspect, the invention provides combinations of a compound of the formula (0) or a sub-group thereof such as formulae (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein and two or more further anti-cancer agents in the form of pharmaceutical compositions.

30 The pharmaceutical compositions can be in any form suitable for oral, parenteral, topical, intranasal, ophthalmic, otic, rectal, intra-vaginal, or transdermal administration. Where the compositions are intended for parenteral administration, they can be formulated for intravenous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, subcutaneous administration or for direct delivery into a target organ or tissue by injection, infusion or other means of delivery. The delivery can be by bolus injection, short term infusion or longer term infusion and can be via passive delivery or through the utilisation of a suitable infusion pump.

35 Pharmaceutical formulations adapted for parenteral administration include aqueous and non-aqueous sterile injection solutions which may contain anti-oxidants, buffers, bacteriostats, co-solvents, organic solvent mixtures, cyclodextrin complexation agents, emulsifying agents (for forming and stabilizing emulsion formulations), liposome components for forming liposomes, gellable polymers for forming polymeric gels, lyophilisation protectants and combinations of agents for, *inter alia*, stabilising the active ingredient in a soluble form and rendering the formulation isotonic with the blood of the intended recipient. Pharmaceutical formulations for parenteral
40 administration may also take the form of aqueous and non-aqueous sterile suspensions which may include

suspending agents and thickening agents (R. G. Strickly, Solubilizing Excipients in oral and injectable formulations, Pharmaceutical Research, Vol 21(2) 2004, p 201-230).

5 A drug molecule that is ionizable can be solubilized to the desired concentration by pH adjustment if the drug's pK_a is sufficiently away from the formulation pH value. The acceptable range is pH 2-12 for intravenous and intramuscular administration, but subcutaneously the range is pH 2.7-9.0. The solution pH is controlled by either the salt form of the drug, strong acids/bases such as hydrochloric acid or sodium hydroxide, or by solutions of buffers which include but are not limited to buffering solutions formed from glycine, citrate, acetate, maleate, succinate, histidine, phosphate, tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (TRIS), or carbonate.

10 The combination of an aqueous solution and a water-soluble organic solvent/surfactant (i.e., a cosolvent) is often used in injectable formulations. The water-soluble organic solvents and surfactants used in injectable formulations include but are not limited to propylene glycol, ethanol, polyethylene glycol 300, polyethylene glycol 400, glycerin, dimethylacetamide (DMA), N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP; Pharnasolve), dimethylsulphoxide (DMSO), Solutol HS 15, Cremophor EL, Cremophor RH 60, and polysorbate 80. Such formulations can usually be, but are not always, diluted prior to injection.

15 Propylene glycol, PEG 300, ethanol, Cremophor EL, Cremophor RH 60, and polysorbate 80 are the entirely organic water-miscible solvents and surfactants used in commercially available injectable formulations and can be used in combinations with each other. The resulting organic formulations are usually diluted at least 2-fold prior to IV bolus or IV infusion.

Alternatively increased water solubility can be achieved through molecular complexation with cyclodextrins

20 Liposomes are closed spherical vesicles composed of outer lipid bilayer membranes and an inner aqueous core and with an overall diameter of <100 μm . Depending on the level of hydrophobicity, moderately hydrophobic drugs can be solubilized by liposomes if the drug becomes encapsulated or intercalated within the liposome. Hydrophobic drugs can also be solubilized by liposomes if the drug molecule becomes an integral part of the lipid bilayer membrane, and in this case, the hydrophobic drug
25 is dissolved in the lipid portion of the lipid bilayer. A typical liposome formulation contains water with phospholipid at -5-20 mg/ml, an isotonicifier, a pH 5-8 buffer, and optionally cholesterol.

The formulations may be presented in unit-dose or multi-dose containers, for example sealed ampoules and vials, and may be stored in a freeze-dried (lyophilised) condition requiring only the addition of the sterile liquid carrier, for example water for injections, immediately prior to use.

30 The pharmaceutical formulation can be prepared by lyophilising a compound of Formula (I) or acid addition salt thereof. Lyophilisation refers to the procedure of freeze-drying a composition. Freeze-drying and lyophilisation are therefore used herein as synonyms. A typical process is to solubilise the compound and the resulting formulation is clarified, sterile filtered and aseptically transferred to containers appropriate for lyophilisation (e.g. vials). In the case of vials, they are partially stoppered with lyo-stoppers. The formulation can be cooled
35 to freezing and subjected to lyophilisation under standard conditions and then hermetically capped forming a stable, dry lyophile formulation. The composition will typically have a low residual water content, e.g. less than 5% e.g. less than 1% by weight based on weight of the lyophile.

The lyophilisation formulation may contain other excipients for example, thickening agents, dispersing agents, buffers, antioxidants, preservatives, and tonicity adjusters. Typical buffers include phosphate, acetate, citrate and glycine. Examples of antioxidants include ascorbic acid, sodium bisulphite, sodium metabisulphite, monothioglycerol, thiourea, butylated hydroxytoluene, butylated hydroxyl anisole, and ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid salts. Preservatives may include benzoic acid and its salts, sorbic acid and its salts, alkyl esters of *para*-hydroxybenzoic acid, phenol, chlorobutanol, benzyl alcohol, thimerosal, benzalkonium chloride and cetylpyridinium chloride. The buffers mentioned previously, as well as dextrose and sodium chloride, can be used for tonicity adjustment if necessary.

Bulking agents are generally used in lyophilisation technology for facilitating the process and/or providing bulk and/or mechanical integrity to the lyophilized cake. Bulking agent means a freely water soluble, solid particulate diluent that when co-lyophilised with the compound or salt thereof, provides a physically stable lyophilized cake, a more optimal freeze-drying process and rapid and complete reconstitution. The bulking agent may also be utilised to make the solution isotonic.

The water-soluble bulking agent can be any of the pharmaceutically acceptable inert solid materials typically used for lyophilisation. Such bulking agents include, for example, sugars such as glucose, maltose, sucrose, and lactose; polyalcohols such as sorbitol or mannitol; amino acids such as glycine; polymers such as polyvinylpyrrolidone; and polysaccharides such as dextran.

The ratio of the weight of the bulking agent to the weight of active compound is typically within the range from about 1 to about 5, for example of about 1 to about 3, e.g. in the range of about 1 to 2.

Alternatively they can be provided in a solution form which may be concentrated and sealed in a suitable vial. Sterilisation of dosage forms may be via filtration or by autoclaving of the vials and their contents at appropriate stages of the formulation process. The supplied formulation may require further dilution or preparation before delivery for example dilution into suitable sterile infusion packs.

Extemporaneous injection solutions and suspensions may be prepared from sterile powders, granules and tablets.

In one preferred embodiment of the invention, the pharmaceutical composition is in a form suitable for i.v. administration, for example by injection or infusion.

Pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention for parenteral injection can also comprise pharmaceutically acceptable sterile aqueous or nonaqueous solutions, dispersions, suspensions or emulsions as well as sterile powders for reconstitution into sterile injectable solutions or dispersions just prior to use. Examples of suitable aqueous and nonaqueous carriers, diluents, solvents or vehicles include water, ethanol, polyols (such as glycerol, propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, and the like), carboxymethylcellulose and suitable mixtures thereof, vegetable oils (such as olive oil), and injectable organic esters such as ethyl oleate. Proper fluidity can be maintained, for example, by the use of coating materials such as lecithin, by the maintenance of the required particle size in the case of dispersions, and by the use of surfactants.

The compositions of the present invention may also contain adjuvants such as preservatives, wetting agents, emulsifying agents, and dispersing agents. Prevention of the action of microorganisms may be ensured by the

inclusion of various antibacterial and antifungal agents, for example, paraben, chlorobutanol, phenol sorbic acid, and the like. It may also be desirable to include isotonic agents such as sugars, sodium chloride, and the like. Prolonged absorption of the injectable pharmaceutical form may be brought about by the inclusion of agents which delay absorption such as aluminum monostearate and gelatin.

5 If a compound is not stable in aqueous media or has low solubility in aqueous media, it can be formulated as a concentrate in organic solvents. The concentrate can then be diluted to a lower concentration in an aqueous system, and can be sufficiently stable for the short period of time during dosing. Therefore in another aspect, there is provided a pharmaceutical composition comprising a non aqueous solution composed entirely of one or more organic solvents, which can be dosed as is or more commonly diluted with a suitable IV excipient (saline, 10 dextrose; buffered or not buffered) before administration (Solubilizing excipients in oral and injectable formulations, Pharmaceutical Research, 21(2), 2004, p201-230). Examples of solvents and surfactants are propylene glycol, PEG300, PEG400, ethanol, dimethylacetamide (DMA), N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP, Pharnasolve), Glycerin, Cremophor EL, Cremophor RH 60 and polysorbate. Particular non aqueous solutions are composed of 70-80% propylene glycol, and 20-30% ethanol. One particular non aqueous solution is 15 composed of 70% propylene glycol, and 30% ethanol. Another is 80% propylene glycol and 20% ethanol. Normally these solvents are used in combination and usually diluted at least 2-fold before IV bolus or IV infusion. The typical amounts for bolus IV formulations are ~50% for Glycerin, propylene glycol, PEG300, PEG400, and ~20% for ethanol. The typical amounts for IV infusion formulations are ~15% for Glycerin, 3% for DMA, and ~10% for propylene glycol, PEG300, PEG400 and ethanol.

20 In one preferred embodiment of the invention, the pharmaceutical composition is in a form suitable for i.v. administration, for example by injection or infusion. For intravenous administration, the solution can be dosed as is, or can be injected into an infusion bag (containing a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, such as 0.9% saline or 5% dextrose), before administration.

In another preferred embodiment, the pharmaceutical composition is in a form suitable for sub-cutaneous (s.c.) 25 administration.

Pharmaceutical dosage forms suitable for oral administration include tablets, capsules, caplets, pills, lozenges, syrups, solutions, powders, granules, elixirs and suspensions, sublingual tablets, wafers or patches and buccal patches.

30 Pharmaceutical compositions containing compounds of the formula (I) can be formulated in accordance with known techniques, see for example, Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, Mack Publishing Company, Easton, PA, USA.

Thus, tablet compositions can contain a unit dosage of active compound together with an inert diluent or carrier such as a sugar or sugar alcohol, eg; lactose, sucrose, sorbitol or mannitol; and/or a non-sugar derived diluent such as sodium carbonate, calcium phosphate, calcium carbonate, or a cellulose or derivative thereof such as 35 methyl cellulose, ethyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, and starches such as corn starch. Tablets may also contain such standard ingredients as binding and granulating agents such as polyvinylpyrrolidone, disintegrants (e.g. swellable crosslinked polymers such as crosslinked carboxymethylcellulose), lubricating agents (e.g. stearates), preservatives (e.g. parabens), antioxidants (e.g. BHT), buffering agents (for example

phosphate or citrate buffers), and effervescent agents such as citrate/bicarbonate mixtures. Such excipients are well known and do not need to be discussed in detail here.

Capsule formulations may be of the hard gelatin or soft gelatin variety and can contain the active component in solid, semi-solid, or liquid form. Gelatin capsules can be formed from animal gelatin or synthetic or plant derived equivalents thereof.

The solid dosage forms (eg; tablets, capsules etc.) can be coated or un-coated, but typically have a coating, for example a protective film coating (e.g. a wax or varnish) or a release controlling coating. The coating (e.g. a Eudragit [™] type polymer) can be designed to release the active component at a desired location within the gastro-intestinal tract. Thus, the coating can be selected so as to degrade under certain pH conditions within the gastrointestinal tract, thereby selectively release the compound in the stomach or in the ileum or duodenum.

Instead of, or in addition to, a coating, the drug can be presented in a solid matrix comprising a release controlling agent, for example a release delaying agent which may be adapted to selectively release the compound under conditions of varying acidity or alkalinity in the gastrointestinal tract. Alternatively, the matrix material or release retarding coating can take the form of an erodible polymer (e.g. a maleic anhydride polymer) which is substantially continuously eroded as the dosage form passes through the gastrointestinal tract. As a further alternative, the active compound can be formulated in a delivery system that provides osmotic control of the release of the compound. Osmotic release and other delayed release or sustained release formulations may be prepared in accordance with methods well known to those skilled in the art.

Compositions for topical use include ointments, creams, sprays, patches, gels, liquid drops and inserts (for example intraocular inserts). Such compositions can be formulated in accordance with known methods.

Compositions for parenteral administration are typically presented as sterile aqueous or oily solutions or fine suspensions, or may be provided in finely divided sterile powder form for making up extemporaneously with sterile water for injection.

Examples of formulations for rectal or intra-vaginal administration include pessaries and suppositories which may be, for example, formed from a shaped moldable or waxy material containing the active compound.

Compositions for administration by inhalation may take the form of inhalable powder compositions or liquid or powder sprays, and can be administered in standard form using powder inhaler devices or aerosol dispensing devices. Such devices are well known. For administration by inhalation, the powdered formulations typically comprise the active compound together with an inert solid powdered diluent such as lactose.

The compounds of the formula (I) will generally be presented in unit dosage form and, as such, will typically contain sufficient compound to provide a desired level of biological activity. For example, a formulation may contain from 1 nanogram to 2 grams of active ingredient, e.g. from 1 nanogram to 2 milligrams of active ingredient. Within this range, particular sub-ranges of compound are, or 0.1 milligrams to 2 grams of active ingredient (more usually from 10 milligrams to 1 gram, e.g. 50 milligrams to 500 milligrams), or 1 microgram to 20 milligrams (for example 1 microgram to 10 milligrams, e.g. 0.1 milligrams to 2 milligrams of active ingredient).

The active compound will be administered to a patient in need thereof (for example a human or animal patient) in an amount sufficient to achieve the desired therapeutic effect.

Where the compounds of the combination of the invention are presented together, they can be formulated together as tablets, capsules, solutions for infusion or injection or any of the other solid or liquid dosage forms described above. For example, where they are formulated together, they may be intimately mixed, or physically separated within the same formulation, for example by virtue of being present in different layers or granules within a tablet, or a separate beads or granules within a capsule. More typically, however, they are formulated separately for separate or concurrent administration.

In one embodiment, the the individual components of the combination may be formulated separately and presented together in the form of a kit, optionally under common outer packaging and optionally with instructions for their use.

More commonly these days, pharmaceutical formulations are prescribed to a patient in "patient packs" containing the whole course of treatment in a single package, usually a blister pack. Patient packs have an advantage over traditional prescriptions, where a pharmacist divides a patient's supply of a pharmaceutical from a bulk supply, in that the patient always has access to the package insert contained in the patient pack, normally missing in patient prescriptions. The inclusion of a package insert has been shown to improve patient compliance with the physicians instructions.

Accordingly, in a further embodiment, the invention provides a package containing separate dosage units, one or more of which contain a compound of the formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein, and one, two or more of which contain two or more further anti-cancer agents. Dosage units containing a compound of the formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein and two or more further anti-cancer agents have suitable amounts of active ingredient as defined herein. A package contains enough tablets, capsules or the like to treat a patient for a pre-determined period of time, for instance for 2 weeks, 1 month or 3 months.

Methods of Treatment

It is envisaged that the combinations containing compounds of the formula (0) and sub-groups thereof such as formulae (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein and two or more further anti-cancer agents will be useful in the prophylaxis or treatment of a range of disease states or conditions mediated by cyclin dependent kinases. Examples of such disease states and conditions are set out above.

The combinations are generally administered to a subject in need of such administration, for example a human or animal patient, preferably a human.

The compounds will typically be administered in amounts that are therapeutically or prophylactically useful and which generally are non-toxic. However, in certain situations (for example in the case of life threatening diseases), the benefits of administering a compound of the formula (I) may outweigh the disadvantages of any

toxic effects or side effects, in which case it may be considered desirable to administer compounds in amounts that are associated with a degree of toxicity.

The compounds may be administered over a prolonged term to maintain beneficial therapeutic effects or may be administered for a short period only. Alternatively they may be administered in a pulsatile or continuous manner.

The compounds of the combination can be administered simultaneously or sequentially. When administered sequentially, they can be administered at closely spaced intervals (for example over a period of 5-10 minutes) or at longer intervals (for example 1, 2, 3, 4 or more hours apart, or even longer periods, e.g. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 days, apart where required), the precise dosage regimen being commensurate with the properties of the therapeutic agent(s). With sequential administration, the delay in administering the second (or additional) active ingredient should not be such as to lose the advantageous benefit of the efficacious effect of the combination of the active ingredients. In addition, the delay in administering the second (or additional) active ingredient is typically timed so as to allow for any adverse side effects of the first compound to subside to an acceptable level before administration of the second compound, whilst not losing the advantageous benefit of the efficacious effect of the combination of the active ingredients.

The two or more treatments may be given in individually varying dose schedules and via the same or different routes.

For example, one compound may be administered by the oral route and the other compound administered by parenteral administration such as administration by injection (e.g. i.v.) or infusion. In an alternative, all compounds may be administered by injection or infusion. In a further alternative, all compounds may be given orally. In one particular embodiment, the compound of the formula (I) is administered by injection or infusion and one or more of the two or more further anti-cancer agents is administered orally. In one particular embodiment, the compound of the formula (I) is administered by injection or infusion and one or more of the two or more further anti-cancer agents is administered administered by injection or infusion.

When administered at different times, the administration of one component of the combination may alternate with or interleaf with administration of the other component or the components of the combination may be administered in sequential blocks of therapy. As indicated above, the administration of the components of the combination may be spaced apart in time, for example by one or more hours, or days, or even weeks, provided that they form part of the same overall treatment.

In one embodiment of the invention, the compound of the formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein is administered sequentially or simultaneously with the two or more further anti-cancer agents.

In another embodiment of the invention, the compound of the formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein is administered sequentially with the two or more further anti-cancer agents in either order.

In a further embodiment, the two or more further anti-cancer agents are administered prior to the compound of the formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein.

5 In another embodiment, the two or more further anti-cancer agents are administered after the compound of the formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein.

In another embodiment of the invention, the compound of the formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein and the two or more further anti-cancer agents are administered simultaneously.

10 In another embodiment, the compound of the formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein and the two or more further anti-cancer agents are each administered in a therapeutically effective amount with respect to the individual components; in other words, the compound of the formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein and the two or more further anti-cancer agents are administered
15 in amounts that would be therapeutically effective even if the components were administered other than in combination.

In another embodiment, the compound of the formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein and the two or more further anti-cancer agents are each administered in a sub-therapeutic amount with respect to the individual components; in other words, the
20 compound of the formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein and the two or more further anti-cancer agents are administered in amounts that would be therapeutically ineffective if the components were administered other than in combination.

Preferably, the compound of the formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (III), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (Vb), (VIa), (VIb), (VII) or (VIII) and sub-groups thereof as defined herein and the two or more further anti-cancer agents interact in a
25 synergistic or additive manner.

A typical daily dose of the compound of formula (I) can be in the range from 100 picograms to 100 milligrams per kilogram of body weight, more typically 5 nanograms to 25 milligrams per kilogram of bodyweight, and more usually 10 nanograms to 15 milligrams per kilogram (e.g. 10 nanograms to 10 milligrams, and more typically 1
30 microgram per kilogram to 20 milligrams per kilogram, for example 1 microgram to 10 milligrams per kilogram) per kilogram of bodyweight although higher or lower doses may be administered where required. The compound of the formula (I) can be administered on a daily basis or on a repeat basis every 2, or 3, or 4, or 5, or 6, or 7, or 10 or 14, or 21, or 28 days for example.

An example of a dosage for a 60 kilogram person comprises administering a compound of the formula (I) as defined herein, for example the free base of compound 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic
35 acid piperidin-4-ylamide at a starting dosage of 4.5-10.8 mg/60kg/day (equivalent to 75-180ug/kg/day) and subsequently by an efficacious dose of 44-97 mg/60kg/day (equivalent to 0.7-1.6 mg/kg/day) or an efficacious dose of 72-274 mg/60kg/day (equivalent to 1.2-4.6 mg/kg/day). The mg/kg dose would scale pro-rata for any given body weight.

An example of a dosage for the mesylate salt is, at a starting dosage of 5.6-13.5 mg/60 kg/day (equivalent to 93-225 µg/kg/day/person) and subsequently by an efficacious dose of 55-122 mg/60 kg/day (equivalent to 0.9-2.0mg/kg/day/person) or an efficacious dose of 90-345 mg/60 kg/day (equivalent to 1.5-5.8 mg/kg/day/person).

- 5 In one particular dosing schedule, a patient will be given an infusion of a compound of the formula (I) for periods of one hour daily for up to ten days in particular up to five days for one week, and the treatment repeated at a desired interval such as two to four weeks, in particular every three weeks.

More particularly, a patient may be given an infusion of a compound of the formula (I) for periods of one hour daily for 5 days and the treatment repeated every three weeks.

- 10 In another particular dosing schedule, a patient is given an infusion over 30 minutes to 1 hour followed by maintenance infusions of variable duration, for example 1 to 5 hours, e.g. 3 hours.

In a further particular dosing schedule, a patient is given a continuous infusion for a period of 12 hours to 5 days, in particular a continuous infusion of 24 hours to 72 hours.

- 15 Ultimately, however, the quantity of compound administered, the type of composition used, and the timing and frequency of the administration of the two components will be commensurate with the nature of the disease or physiological condition being treated and will be at the discretion of the physician.

- Accordingly, a person skilled in the art would know through their common general knowledge the dosing regimes and combination therapies to use. It will be appreciated that the preferred method and order of administration and the respective dosage amounts and regimes for each component of the combination will
20 depend on the particular compounds of Formula (I) and two or more further anti-cancer agents being administered, their route of administration, the particular tumour being treated and the particular host being treated. The optimum method and order of administration and dosage amounts and regime can be readily determined by those skilled in the art using conventional methods and in view of the information set out herein.

- 25 As described *infra*, the compounds of the formula (I) are administered in combination therapy with two or more anti-cancer agents, for example in the treatment of a particular disease state (for example a neoplastic disease such as a cancer as hereinbefore defined). Examples of suitable anti-cancer agents that may be used in the combinations of the invention are described in detail above.

- 30 However, the combinations of the invention may also be further combined with other classes of therapeutic agents or treatments that may be administered together (whether concurrently or at different time intervals) with the combinations of the invention, including (but not limited to):

1. hormones, hormone agonists, hormone antagonists and hormone modulating agents (including antiandrogens, antiestrogens and GNRAs);
- 35 2. monoclonal antibodies (e.g. monoclonal antibodies to cell surface antigen(s));
3. camptothecin compounds;
4. antimetabolites;
5. vinca alkaloids;

6. taxanes;
7. platinum compounds;
8. DNA binders and Topo II inhibitors (including anthracycline derivatives);
9. alkylating agents (including aziridine, nitrogen mustard and nitrosourea alkylating agents);
- 5 10. a combination of two or more of the foregoing classes (1)-(9).
11. signalling inhibitors (including PKB signalling pathway inhibitors);
12. CDK inhibitors;
13. COX-2 inhibitors;
14. HDAC inhibitors;
- 10 15. DNA methylase inhibitors;
16. proteasome inhibitors;
17. a combination of two or more of the foregoing classes (11)-(16);
18. a combination of two or more of the foregoing classes (1)-(17);
- 15 19. Other therapeutic or prophylactic agents, for example agents that reduce or alleviate some of the side effects associated with chemotherapy. Particular examples of such agents include anti-emetic agents and agents that prevent or decrease the duration of chemotherapy-associated neutropenia and prevent complications that arise from reduced levels of red blood cells or white blood cells, for example erythropoietin (EPO), granulocyte macrophage-colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF), granulocyte-colony stimulating factor (G-CSF). In other embodiments, the other
- 20 therapeutic or prophylactic agents can be as described below.

Other therapeutic or prophylactic agents

The compositions may also include other therapeutic or prophylactic agents, for example agents that reduce or alleviate some of the side effects associated with chemotherapy. Particular examples of such agents include

25 anti-emetic agents and agents that prevent or decrease the duration of chemotherapy-associated neutropenia and prevent complications that arise from reduced levels of red blood cells or white blood cells, for example erythropoietin (EPO), granulocyte macrophage-colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF), and granulocyte-colony stimulating factor (G-CSF).

Also included are agents that inhibit bone resorption such as bisphosphonate agents e.g. zoledronate,

30 pamidronate and ibandronate, as well as agents that suppress inflammatory responses (such as dexamethazone, prednisone, and prednisolone). Also included are agents used to reduce blood levels of growth hormone and IGF-I in acromegaly patients such as synthetic forms of the brain hormone somatostatin, which includes octreotide acetate which is a long-acting octapeptide with pharmacologic properties mimicking those of the natural hormone somatostatin. Further included are agents such as leucovorin, which is used as

35 an antidote to drugs that decrease levels of folic acid, or folinic acid itself. In one particular embodiment is the combination of 5FU and leucovorin or 5FU and folinic acid. In addition megestrol acetate can be used for the treatment of side-effects including oedema and thromboembolic episodes.

Therefore in one embodiment the combinations further include an additional agent selected from erythropoietin (EPO), granulocyte macrophage-colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF), granulocyte-colony stimulating factor (G-

CSF), zoledronate, pamidronate, ibandronate, dexamethazone, prednisone, prednisolone, leucovorin, folic acid and megestrol acetate.

5 In particular the combinations further include an additional agent selected from erythropoietin (EPO), granulocyte macrophage-colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF), granulocyte-colony stimulating factor (G-CSF), zoledronate, pamidronate, dexamethazone, prednisone, prednisolone, leucovorin, and folic acid such as erythropoietin (EPO), granulocyte macrophage-colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF) and granulocyte-colony stimulating factor (G-CSF).

10 Zoledronic acid is available from Novartis under the Tradename Zometa®. It is used in the treatment of bone metastasis in a variety of tumor types and for the treatment of hypercalcemia.

Pamidronate disodium (APD) available from Novartis under the tradename Aredia is a bone-resorption inhibitor and is used in the treatment of moderate or severe hypercalcemia. Pamidronate disodium is for i.v. injection.

15 Octreotide acetate is available from Novartis as Sandostatin LAR® (octreotide acetate for injectable suspension) and Sandostatin® (octreotide acetate for injection ampuls or for vials). Octreotide is known chemically as L-Cysteinamide, D-phenylalanyl-L-cysteinyl-L-phenylalanyl-D-tryptophyl-L-lysyl-L-threonyl-N-[2-hydroxy-1-(hydroxy-methyl) propyl]-, cyclic (2, 7)-disulfide; [R-(R*,R*)]. Synthetic forms of the brain hormone somatostatin, such as octreotide, work at the site of the tumour. They bind to sst-2/sst-5 receptors to regulate
20 gastrointestinal hormone secretion and affect tumour growth.

Each of the compounds present in the combinations of the invention may be given in individually varying dose schedules and via different routes.

25 Thus, administration of the compound of the formula (I) in combination therapy with two or more anti-cancer agents may comprise simultaneous or sequential administration. When administered sequentially, they can be administered at closely spaced intervals (for example over a period of 5-10 minutes) or at longer intervals (for example 1, 2, 3, 4 or more hours apart, or even longer periods apart where required), the precise dosage regimen being commensurate with the properties of the therapeutic agent(s).

The combinations of the invention may also be administered in conjunction with non-chemotherapeutic treatments such as radiotherapy, photodynamic therapy, gene therapy, surgery and controlled diets.

30 The combination therapy may therefore involve the formulation of the compound of the formula (I) with two, three, four or more other therapeutic agents (including at least two anti-cancer agents). Such formulations can be, for example, a dosage form containing two, three, four or more therapeutic agents. In an alternative, the individual therapeutic agents may be formulated separately and presented together in the form of a kit, optionally with instructions for their use.

35 A person skilled in the art would know through their common general knowledge the dosing regimes and combination therapies to use.

Methods of Diagnosis

Prior to administration of a compound of the formula (I), a patient may be screened to determine whether a disease or condition from which the patient is or may be suffering is one which would be susceptible to treatment with a compound having activity against cyclin dependent kinases or treatment with two or more further anti-cancer agents.

For example, a biological sample taken from a patient may be analysed to determine whether a condition or disease, such as cancer, that the patient is or may be suffering from is one which is characterised by a genetic abnormality or abnormal protein expression which leads to over-activation of CDKs or to sensitisation of a pathway to normal CDK activity. Examples of such abnormalities that result in activation or sensitisation of the CDK2 signal include up-regulation of cyclin E, (Harwell RM, Mull BB, Porter DC, Keyomarsi K.; J Biol Chem. 2004 Mar 26;279(13):12695-705) or loss of p21 or p27, or presence of CDC4 variants (Rajagopalan H, Jallepalli PV, Rago C, Velculescu VE, Kinzler KW, Vogelstein B, Lengauer C.; Nature. 2004 Mar 4;428(6978):77-81). The term up-regulation includes elevated expression or over-expression, including gene amplification (i.e. multiple gene copies) and increased expression by a transcriptional effect, and hyperactivity and activation, including activation by mutations. Thus, the patient may be subjected to a diagnostic test to detect a marker characteristic of up-regulation of cyclin E, or loss of p21 or p27, or presence of CDC4 variants. The term diagnosis includes screening. By marker we include genetic markers including, for example, the measurement of DNA composition to identify mutations of CDC4. The term marker also includes markers which are characteristic of up regulation of cyclin E, including enzyme activity, enzyme levels, enzyme state (e.g. phosphorylated or not) and mRNA levels of the aforementioned proteins.

Tumours with upregulation of cyclin E, or loss of p21 or p27 may be particularly sensitive to CDK inhibitors. Tumours may preferentially be screened for upregulation of cyclin E, or loss of p21 or p27 prior to treatment. Thus, the patient may be subjected to a diagnostic test to detect a marker characteristic of up-regulation of cyclin E, or loss of p21 or p27. The diagnostic tests are typically conducted on a biological sample selected from tumour biopsy samples, blood samples (isolation and enrichment of shed tumour cells), stool biopsies, sputum, chromosome analysis, pleural fluid, peritoneal fluid, or urine.

It has been found, Rajagopalan et al (Nature. 2004 Mar 4;428(6978):77-81), that there were mutations present in CDC4 (also known as Fbw7 or Archipelago) in human colorectal cancers and endometrial cancers (Spruck et al, Cancer Res. 2002 Aug 15;62(16):4535-9). Identification of individual carrying a mutation in CDC4 may mean that the patient would be particularly suitable for treatment with a CDK inhibitor. Tumours may preferentially be screened for presence of a CDC4 variant prior to treatment. The screening process will typically involve direct sequencing, oligonucleotide microarray analysis, or a mutant specific antibody.

Methods of identification and analysis of mutations and up-regulation of proteins are known to a person skilled in the art. Screening methods could include, but are not limited to, standard methods such as reverse-transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) or in-situ hybridisation.

In screening by RT-PCR, the level of mRNA in the tumour is assessed by creating a cDNA copy of the mRNA followed by amplification of the cDNA by PCR. Methods of PCR amplification, the selection of primers, and conditions for amplification, are known to a person skilled in the art. Nucleic acid manipulations and PCR are carried out by standard methods, as described for example in Ausubel, F.M. et al., eds. Current Protocols in

Molecular Biology, 2004, John Wiley & Sons Inc., or Innis, M.A. et-al., eds. PCR Protocols: a guide to methods and applications, 1990, Academic Press, San Diego. Reactions and manipulations involving nucleic acid techniques are also described in Sambrook et al., 2001, 3rd Ed, Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press. Alternatively a commercially available kit for RT-PCR (for example Roche Molecular Biochemicals) may be used, or methodology as set forth in United States patents 4,666,828; 4,683,202; 4,801,531; 5,192,659, 5,272,057, 5,882,864, and 6,218,529 and incorporated herein by reference.

An example of an in-situ hybridisation technique for assessing mRNA expression would be fluorescence in-situ hybridisation (FISH) (see Angerer, 1987 Meth. Enzymol., 152: 649).

Generally, in situ hybridization comprises the following major steps: (1) fixation of tissue to be analyzed; (2) prehybridization treatment of the sample to increase accessibility of target nucleic acid, and to reduce nonspecific binding; (3) hybridization of the mixture of nucleic acids to the nucleic acid in the biological structure or tissue; (4) post-hybridization washes to remove nucleic acid fragments not bound in the hybridization, and (5) detection of the hybridized nucleic acid fragments. The probes used in such applications are typically labeled, for example, with radioisotopes or fluorescent reporters. Preferred probes are sufficiently long, for example, from about 50, 100, or 200 nucleotides to about 1000 or more nucleotides, to enable specific hybridization with the target nucleic acid(s) under stringent conditions. Standard methods for carrying out FISH are described in Ausubel, F.M. et al., eds. Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, 2004, John Wiley & Sons Inc and Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization: Technical Overview by John M. S. Bartlett in Molecular Diagnosis of Cancer, Methods and Protocols, 2nd ed.; ISBN: 1-59259-760-2; March 2004, pps. 077-088; Series: Methods in Molecular Medicine.

Alternatively, the protein products expressed from the mRNAs may be assayed by immunohistochemistry of tumour samples, solid phase immunoassay with microtiter plates, Western blotting, 2-dimensional SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, ELISA, flow cytometry and other methods known in the art for detection of specific proteins. Detection methods would include the use of site specific antibodies. The skilled person will recognize that all such well-known techniques for detection of upregulation of cyclin E, or loss of p21 or p27, or detection of CDC4 variants could be applicable in the present case.

Therefore all of these techniques could also be used to identify tumours particularly suitable for treatment with combinations of CDK inhibitors and two or more further anti-cancer agents. Patients with mantle cell lymphoma (MCL) could be selected for treatment with a CDK inhibitor using diagnostic tests outlined herein. MCL is a distinct clinicopathologic entity of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, characterized by proliferation of small to medium-sized lymphocytes with co-expression of CD5 and CD20, an aggressive and incurable clinical course, and frequent t(11;14)(q13;q32) translocation. Over-expression of cyclin D1 mRNA, found in mantle cell lymphoma (MCL), is a critical diagnostic marker. Yatabe et al (Blood. 2000 Apr 1;95(7):2253-61) proposed that cyclin D1-positivity should be included as one of the standard criteria for MCL, and that innovative therapies for this incurable disease should be explored on the basis of the new criteria. Jones et al (J Mol Diagn. 2004 May;6(2):84-9) developed a real-time, quantitative, reverse transcription PCR assay for cyclin D1 (CCND1) expression to aid in the diagnosis of mantle cell lymphoma (MCL). Howe et al (Clin Chem. 2004 Jan;50(1):80-7) used real-time quantitative RT-PCR to evaluate cyclin D1 mRNA expression and found that quantitative RT-PCR for cyclin D1 mRNA normalized to CD19 mRNA can be used in the diagnosis of MCL in blood, marrow, and tissue. Alternatively, patients with breast cancer could be selected for treatment with a CDK inhibitor using

diagnostic tests outline above. Tumour cells commonly overexpress cyclin E and it has been shown that cyclin E is over-expressed in breast cancer (Harwell et al, Cancer Res, 2000, 60, 481-489). Therefore breast cancer may in particular be treated with a CDK inhibitor.

EXAMPLES

- 5 The invention will now be illustrated, but not limited, by reference to the specific embodiments described in the following examples.

In the examples, the compounds prepared were characterised by liquid chromatography and mass spectroscopy (LC-MS) using the system and operating conditions set out below. Where chlorine is present and a single mass is quoted, the mass quoted for the compound is for ³⁵Cl. The two systems were equipped with
10 identical chromatography columns and were set up to run under the same operating conditions. The operating conditions used are also described below. In the examples, the retention times are given in minutes.

Platform system

System: Waters 2790/Platform LC
Mass Spec Detector: Micromass Platform LC
15 PDA Detector: Waters 996 PDA

Analytical conditions:

Eluent A: 5% CH₃CN in 95% H₂O (0.1% Formic Acid)
Eluent B: CH₃CN (0.1% Formic Acid)
Gradient: 10-95% eluent B
20 Flow: 1.2 ml/min
Column: Synergi 4µm Max-RP C₁₂, 80A, 50 x 4.6 mm (Phenomenex)

MS conditions:

Capillary voltage: 3.5 kV
Cone voltage: 30 V
25 Source Temperature: 120 °C

FractionLynx system

System: Waters FractionLynx (dual analytical/prep)
Mass Spec Detector: Waters-Micromass ZQ
PDA Detector: Waters 2996 PDA

Analytical conditions:

30 Eluent A: H₂O (0.1% Formic Acid)
Eluent B: CH₃CN (0.1% Formic Acid)
Gradient: 5-95% eluent B
Flow: 1.5 ml/min

Column: Synergi 4 μ m Max-RP C₁₂, 80A, 50 x 4.6 mm (Phenomenex)

MS conditions:

- Capillary voltage: 3.5 kV
 Cone voltage: 30 V
 5 Source Temperature: 120 °C
 Desolvation Temperature: 300 °C

Analytical LC-MS System

Several systems were used, as described below, and these were equipped with were set up to run under closely similar operating conditions. The operating conditions used are also described below.

- 10 HPLC System: Waters 2795
 Mass Spec Detector: Micromass Platform LC
 PDA Detector: Waters 2996 PDA

Acidic Analytical conditions :

- Eluent A: H₂O (0.1% Formic Acid)
 15 Eluent B: CH₃CN (0.1% Formic Acid)
 Gradient: 5-95% eluent B over 3.5 minutes
 Flow: 0.8 ml/min
 Column: Phenomenex Synergi 4 μ MAX-RP 80A, 2.0 x 50 mm

Basic Analytical conditions:

- 20 Eluent A: H₂O (10mM NH₄HCO₃ buffer adjusted to pH=9.5 with NH₄OH)
 Eluent B: CH₃CN
 Gradient: 05-95% eluent B over 3.5 minutes
 Flow: 0.8 ml/min
 Column: Thermo Hypersil-Keystone BetaBasic-18 5 μ m 2.1 x 50 mm
 25 or
 Column: Phenomenex Luna C18(2) 5 μ m 2.0 x 50 mm

Polar Analytical conditions:

- Eluent A: H₂O (0.1% Formic Acid)
 Eluent B: CH₃CN (0.1% Formic Acid)
 30 Gradient: 00-50% eluent B over 3 minutes
 Flow: 0.8 ml/min
 Column: Thermo Hypersil-Keystone HyPurity Aquastar, 5 μ , 2.1 x 50 mm
or
 Column: Phenomenex Synergi 4 μ MAX-RP 80A, 2.0 x 50 mm or

- 35 **Longer Analytical conditions:**

Eluent A: H₂O (0.1% Formic Acid)
Eluent B: CH₃CN (0.1% Formic Acid)
Gradient: 05-95% eluent B over 15 minutes
Flow: 0.4 ml/min

- 5 Column: Phenomenex Synergi 4 μ MAX-RP 80A, 2.0 x 150 mm

MS conditions:

Capillary voltage: 3.6 kV
Cone voltage: 30 V
Source Temperature: 120 °C
10 Scan Range: 165-700 amu
Ionisation Mode: ElectroSpray Positive or
ElectroSpray Negative or
ElectroSpray Positive & Negative

Mass Directed Purification LC-MS System

- 15 The following preparative chromatography systems can be used to purify the compounds of the invention.

• **Hardware:**

Waters Fractionlynx system:

2767 Dual Autosampler/Fraction Collector

2525 preparative pump

- 20 CFO (column fluidic organiser) for column selection

RMA (Waters reagent manager) as make up pump

Waters ZQ Mass Spectrometer

Waters 2996 Photo Diode Array detector

- **Software:** Masslynx 4.0

- 25 • **Columns:**

1. Low pH chromatography: Phenomenex Synergy MAX-RP, 10 μ , 150 x 15mm (alternatively used same column type with 100 x 21.2mm dimensions).

2. High pH chromatography: Phenomenex Luna C18 (2), 10 μ , 100 x 21.2 mm (alternatively used Thermo Hypersil Keystone BetaBasic C18, 5 μ , 100 x 21.2 mm)

- 30 • **Eluents:**

1. Low pH chromatography:

Solvent A: H₂O + 0.1% Formic Acid, pH 1.5

Solvent B: CH₃CN + 0.1% Formic Acid

2. High pH chromatography:

Solvent A: H₂O + 10 mM NH₄HCO₃ + NH₄OH, pH 9.5

Solvent B: CH₃CN

3. Make up solvent: MeOH + 0.1% formic acid (for both chromatography type)

5 • **Methods:**

Prior to using preparative chromatography to isolate and purify the product compounds, analytical LC-MS (see above) can first be used to determine the most appropriate conditions for preparative chromatography. A typical routine is to run an analytical LC-MS using the type of chromatography (low or high pH) most suited for compound structure. Once the analytical trace shows good chromatography, a suitable preparative method of the same type can be chosen. Typical running condition for both low and high pH chromatography methods are:

Flow rate: 24 ml/min

Gradient: Generally all gradients have an initial 0.4 min step with 95% A + 5% B. Then according to analytical trace a 3.6 min gradient is chosen in order to achieve good separation (e.g. from 5% to 50% B for early retaining compounds; from 35% to 80% B for middle retaining compounds and so on)

Wash: 1 minute wash step is performed at the end of the gradient

Re-equilibration: A 2.1 minute re-equilibration step is carried out to prepare the system for the next run

Make Up flow rate: 1 ml/min

• **Solvent:**

20 All compounds were usually dissolved in 100% MeOH or 100% DMSO

• **MS running conditions:**

Capillary voltage: 3.2 kV

Cone voltage: 25 V

Source Temperature: 120 °C

25 Multiplier: 500 V

Scan Range: 125-800 amu

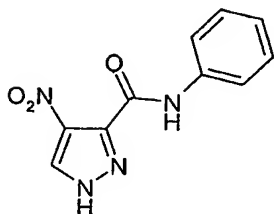
Ionisation Mode: ElectroSpray Positive

The starting materials for each of the Examples are commercially available unless otherwise specified.

EXAMPLE 1

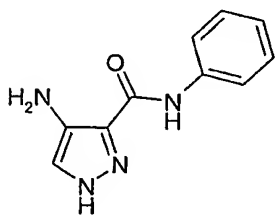
30 **4-Amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide**

1A. 4-Nitro-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide



- 5 4-Nitropyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (2.5 g; 15.9 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of aniline (1.6 ml; 17.5 mmol), EDC (3.7 g; 19.1 mmol), and HOBt (2.6 g; 19.1 mmol) in N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF) (25 ml), then stirred at room temperature overnight. The solvent was removed by evaporation under reduced pressure and the residue triturated with ethyl acetate / saturated NaHCO₃ solution. The resultant solid was collected by filtration, washed with water and diethyl ether then dried under vacuum to give 2.85 g of the title compound (sodium salt) as a yellow / brown solid. (LC/MS: R_t 2.78, [M+H]⁺ 232.95).

1B. 4-Amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide

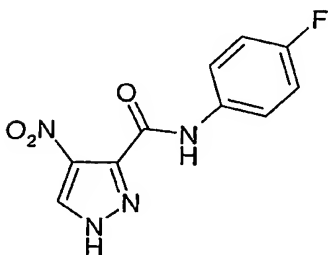


- 10 4-Nitro-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide (100 mg; 0.43 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (5 ml), treated with tin (II) chloride dihydrate (500 mg; 2.15 mmol) then heated at reflux overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled and evaporated. The residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate and brine, and the ethyl acetate layer was separated, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and evaporated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography eluting with 1:1 ethyl acetate /petroleum ether then 5% methanol / dichloromethane.
- 15 Evaporation of product containing fractions followed by preparative LC/MS gave 15 mg of the product as an off white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 1.40, [M+H]⁺ 202.95).

EXAMPLE 2

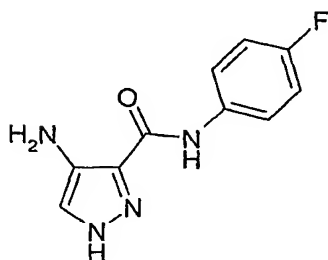
4-Acetylamino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide

2A. 4-Nitro-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



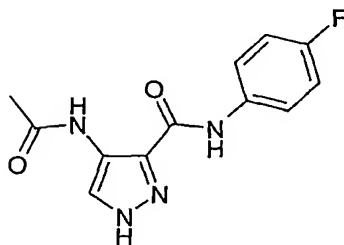
- 4-Nitropyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (10 g; 63.66 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of 4-fluoroaniline (6.7 ml; 70 mmol), EDC (14.6 g; 76.4 mmol), and HOBt (10.3 g; 76.4 mmol) in DMF (25 ml), then stirred at room temperature overnight. The solvent was removed by evaporation under reduced pressure and the residue triturated with ethyl acetate / saturated brine solution. The resultant yellow solid was collected by filtration, washed with 2M hydrochloric acid, then dried under vacuum to give 15.5 g of the title compound. (LC/MS: R_t 2.92 $[M+H]^+$ 250.89).

2B. 4-Amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



- 4-Nitro-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluorophenyl)-amide (15 g) was dissolved in 200 ml of ethanol, treated with 1.5 g of 10% palladium on carbon under a nitrogen atmosphere, then hydrogenated at room temperature and pressure overnight. The catalyst was removed by filtration through Celite and the filtrate evaporated. The crude product was dissolved in acetone / water (100 ml:100 ml) and after slow evaporation of the acetone the product was collected by filtration as a brown crystalline solid (8.1 g). (LC/MS: R_t 1.58, $[M+H]^+$ 220.95).

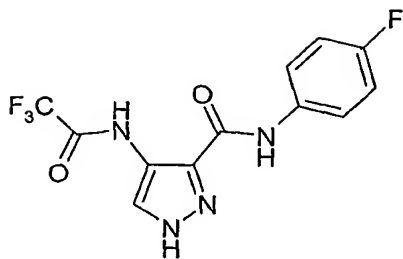
2C. 4-Acetylamino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



- 4-Amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluorophenyl)-amide (500 mg; 2.27 mmol) was dissolved in 5 ml of pyridine, treated with acetic anhydride (240 μ l, 2.5 mmol) then stirred at room temperature overnight. The solvent was removed by evaporation then dichloromethane (20 ml) and 2M hydrochloric acid (20 ml) were added. The undissolved solid was collected by filtration, washed with more dichloromethane and water then dried under vacuum. The product was isolated as an off white solid (275 mg). (LC/MS: R_t 2.96, $[M+H]^+$ 262.91).

EXAMPLE 3

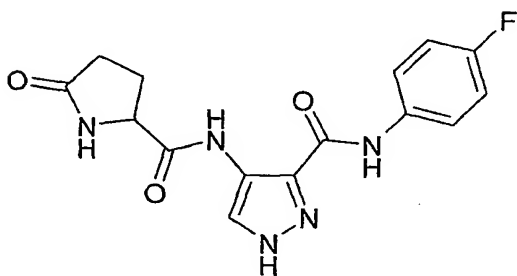
4-(2,2,2-Trifluoro-acetylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



4-Amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluorophenyl)-amide (Example 2B) (500 mg; 2.27 mmol) was dissolved in 5 ml of pyridine, treated with trifluoroacetic anhydride (320 μ l, 2.5 mmol) then stirred at room temperature overnight. The solvent was removed by evaporation, the residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate (50 ml) and 2 M hydrochloric acid (50 ml), and the ethyl acetate layer was separated, washed with brine (50 ml), dried (MgSO_4), filtered and evaporated to give 560 mg of product as a brown solid. (LC/MS: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 317).

EXAMPLE 4

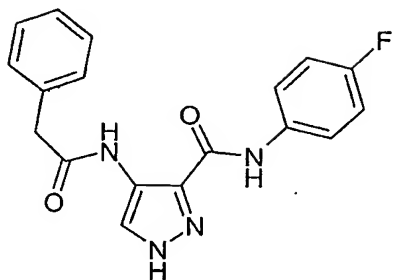
4-[(5-Oxo-pyrrolidine-2-carbonyl)-amino]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



To a stirred solution of 4-amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluorophenyl)-amide (Example 2B) (50 mg; 0.23 mmol), EDAC (52 mg; 0.27 mmol) and HOBt (37 mg; 0.27 mmol) in 5 ml of DMF was added 2-oxoproline (33 mg; 0.25 mmol), and the mixture was then left at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue purified by preparative LC/MS, to give 24 mg of the product as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 2.27 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 332).

EXAMPLE 5

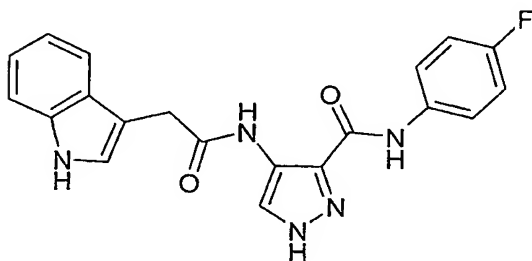
4-Phenylacetyl-amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



The reaction was carried out in a manner analogous to Example 4 but using phenylacetic acid (34mg; 0.23 mmol) as the starting material. The title compound (14 mg) was isolated as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 3.24 $[M+H]^+$ 339).

5 EXAMPLE 6

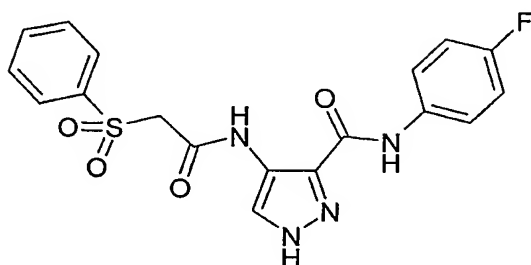
4-(2-1H-Indol-3-yl-acetyl-amino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



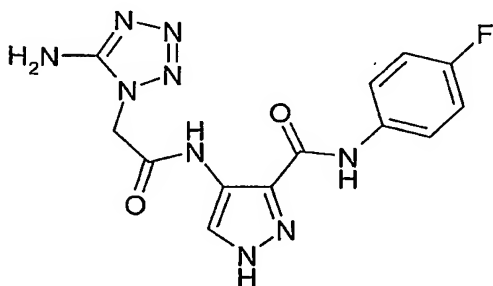
10 The reaction was carried out in a manner analogous to Example 4, but using indole-3-acetic acid (44 mg; 0.23 mmol) as the starting material. The title product (14 mg) was isolated as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 3.05 $[M+H]^+$ 378).

EXAMPLE 7

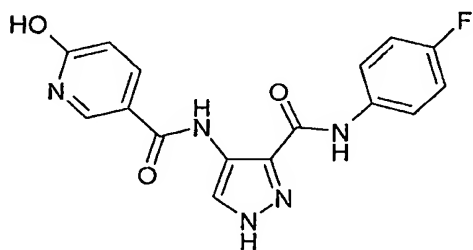
4-(2-Benzenesulphonyl-acetyl-amino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



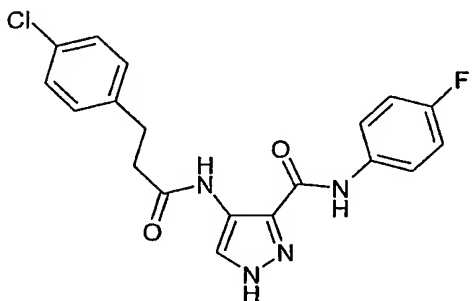
15 The reaction was carried out in a manner analogous to Example 4, but using 2-(phenylsulphonyl) acetic acid (50 mg; 0.23 mmol) as the starting material. The title compound (29 mg) was isolated as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 3.00 $[M+H]^+$ 403).

EXAMPLE 84-[2-(5-Amino-tetrazol-1-yl)-acetyl-amino]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide

- 5 The reaction was carried out in a manner analogous to Example 4, but 5-aminotetrazole-1-acetic acid (36 mg; 0.23 mmol) was used as the starting material. The title compound (23 mg) was isolated as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 2.37 $[M+H]^+$ 346).

EXAMPLE 9N-[3-(4-Fluoro-phenylcarbamoyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-6-hydroxy-nicotinamide

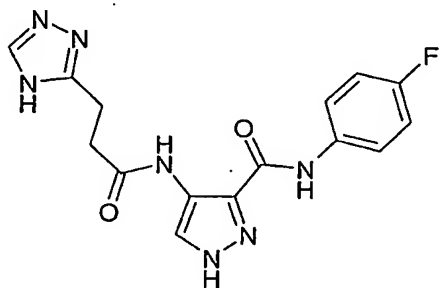
- 10 The reaction was carried out in a manner analogous to Example 4, but using 6-hydroxynicotinic acid (38 mg; 0.23 mmol) as the starting material. The title compound (17 mg) was isolated as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 2.32 $[M+H]^+$ 342).

EXAMPLE 104-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-propionyl-amino]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide

The reaction was carried out in a manner analogous to Example 4, but using 3-(4-chlorophenyl)propionic acid (46 mg; 0.23 mmol) as the starting material. The title compound (40 mg) was isolated as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 3.60 $[M+H]^+$ 388).

EXAMPLE 11

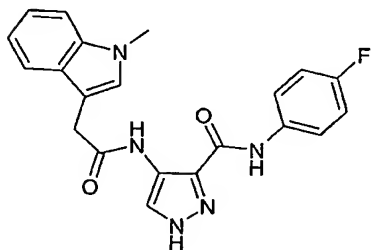
5 4-[3-4H-[1,2,4]Triazol-3-yl-propionylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



The reaction was carried out in a manner analogous to Example 4, but using 3-triazol-3-yl propionic acid (36 mg; 0.23 mmol) as the starting material. The title compound (18 mg) was isolated as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 2.39 $[M+H]^+$ 344).

10 EXAMPLE 12

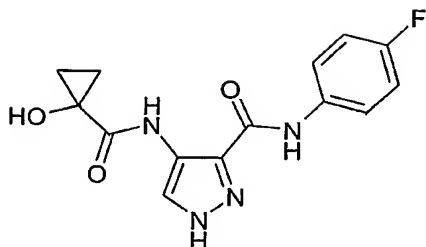
4-[2-(1-Methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetyl-amino]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



15 The reaction was carried out in a manner analogous to Example 4, but using N-methyl indole-3-acetic acid (48 mg; 0.23 mmol) as the starting material. The title compound (20 mg) was isolated as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 3.34 $[M+H]^+$ 392).

EXAMPLE 13

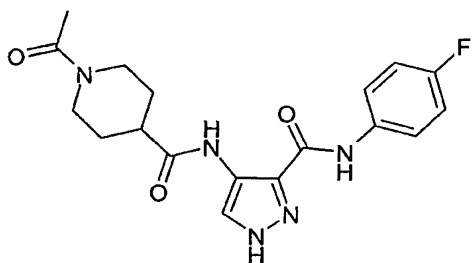
4-[1-(1-Hydroxy-cyclopropanecarbonyl)-amino]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



The reaction was carried out in a manner analogous to Example 4, but using 1-hydroxycyclopropane carboxylic acid (26 mg; 0.23 mmol) as the starting material. The title compound (24 mg) was isolated as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 2.55 $[M+H]^+$ 305).

5 EXAMPLE 14

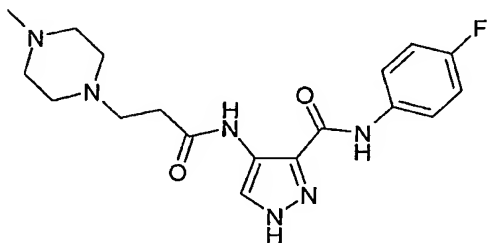
1-Acetyl-piperidine-4-carboxylic acid [3-(4-fluoro-phenylcarbamoyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-amide



The reaction was carried out in a manner analogous to Example 4, but using N-acetylpiperidine acetic acid (43 mg; 0.23 mmol) as the starting material. The title compound (19 mg) was isolated as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 2.49 $[M+H]^+$ 374).

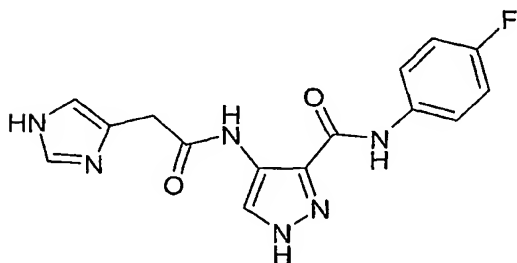
EXAMPLE 15

4-[3-(4-Methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propionylamino]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



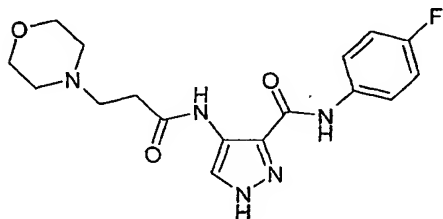
The reaction was carried out in a manner analogous to Example 4, but using 4-N-methylpiperazine-1-N-propionic acid (31 mg; 0.23 mmol) as the starting material. The title compound (19 mg) was isolated as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 1.77 $[M+H]^+$ 375).

EXAMPLE 16

4-(2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl-acetylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluorophenyl)-amide

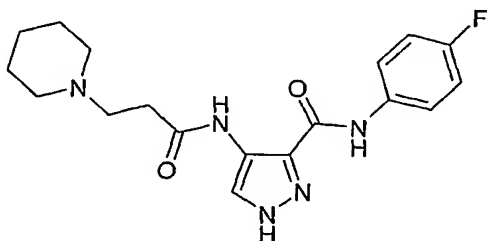
The reaction was carried out in a manner analogous to Example 4, but using imidazole-4-acetic acid (32 mg; 0.23 mmol) as the starting material. The title compound (35 mg) was isolated as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 1.82 [M+H]⁺ 329).

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EXAMPLE 174-(3-Morpholin-4-yl-propionylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluorophenyl)-amide

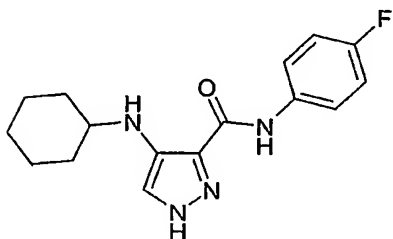
The reaction was carried out in a manner analogous to Example 4, but using 3-morpholin-4-yl-propionic acid (40 mg; 0.23 mmol) as the starting material. The title compound (15 mg) was isolated as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 1.84 [M+H]⁺ 362).

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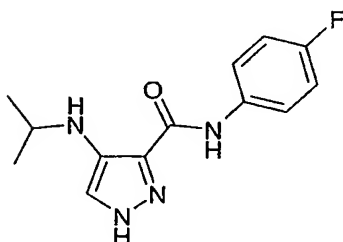
EXAMPLE 184-(3-Piperidin-1-yl-propionylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide

The reaction was carried out in a manner analogous to Example 4, but using 3-piperidine-4-yl-propionic acid (39 mg; 0.23 mmol) as the starting material. The title compound (19 mg) was isolated as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 1.92 [M+H]⁺ 360).

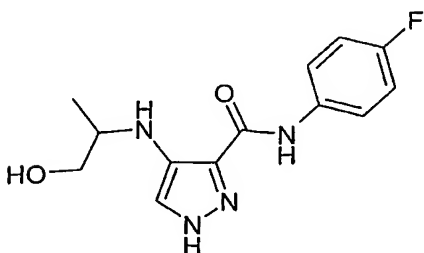
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EXAMPLE 194-Cyclohexylamino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide

To a solution of 4-amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide (200 mg; 1 mmol) and
5 cyclohexanone (107 mg; 1.1 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 ml) were added 3Å molecular sieves (1 g) and
sodium triacetoxyborohydride (315 mg; 1.5 mmol), and the mixture was then stirred at room temperature over
the weekend. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite®, diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with brine,
dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated to give the 48 mg of the product as a grey gum. (LC/MS: R_t 2.95, [M+H]⁺ 285).

EXAMPLE 204-Isopropylamino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide

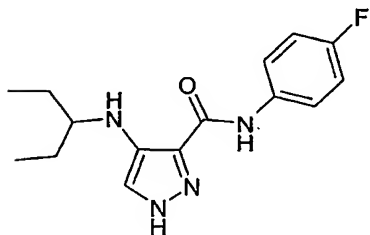
The title compound was prepared in a manner analogous to Example 19, but using acetone in place of
cyclohexanone. (LC/MS: R_t 2.08, [M+H]⁺ 245).

EXAMPLE 214-(2-Hydroxy-1-methyl-ethylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluorophenyl)-amide

The compound was prepared in a manner analogous to Example 19, but using hydroxyacetone in place of cyclohexanone. ¹HNMR (400MHz, D6-DMSO): 9.9 (1H, br s), 7.8 (2H, dd), 7.3 (1H, s), 7.15 (2H, t), 5.15 (1H, d), 4.7 (1H, br s), 3.4 (2H, m), 3.2 (1H, m), 1.1 (3H, d).

EXAMPLE 22

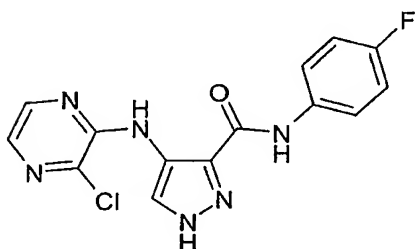
5 4-(1-Ethyl-propylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



The compound was prepared in a manner analogous to Example 19, but using 3-pentanone in place of cyclohexanone. ¹HNMR (400MHz, D6-DMSO): 12.85 (1H, br s), 9.9 (1H, br s), 7.8 (2H, br t), 7.3 (1H, s), 7.15 (2H, t), 5.0 (1H, d), 2.9 (1H, br m), 1.5 (4H, m), 3.2 (1H, m), 0.9 (6H, t).

10 EXAMPLE 23

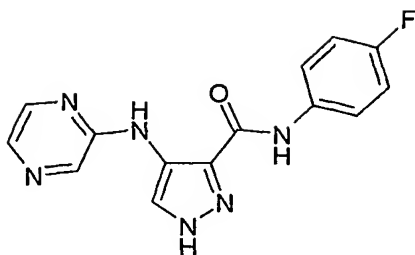
4-(3-Chloro-pyrazin-2-ylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



15 A mixture of 4-amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide (50 mg; 0.23 mmol) and 2,3-dichloropyrazine (140 mg; 0.92 mmol) was heated at 150°C (50W) for 20 minutes in a CEM Discover™ microwave synthesiser. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography eluting with ethyl acetate / hexane (1:3 then 1:2). Product containing fractions were combined and evaporated to give 15 mg of the title compound as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 4.06 M+H]⁺ 332).

EXAMPLE 24

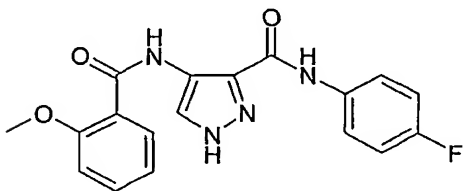
4-(Pyrazin-2-ylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



The compound was prepared in a manner analogous to Example 23, but using 2-chloropyrazine in place of 2,3-dichloropyrazine. (LC/MS: R_t 3.28 $[M+H]^+$ 299).

EXAMPLE 25

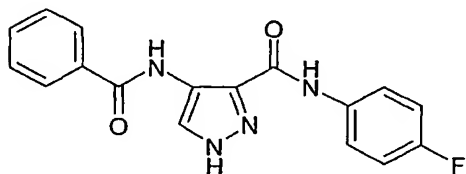
5 Synthesis of 4-(2-Methoxy-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



2-Methoxy-benzoic acid (38 mg, 0.25 mmol) was added to a solution of 4-amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide (50 mg, 0.23 mmol), EDC (53 mg, 0.27 mmol), and HOBt (37 mg, 0.27 mmol) in DMF (5ml). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by preparative LC/MS and, after evaporation of product-containing fractions, yielded the product as a pinkish solid (12 mg, 15%). (LC/MS: R_t 4.00, $[M+H]^+$ 354.67).

EXAMPLE 26

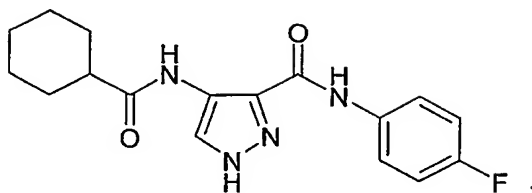
Synthesis of 4-Benzoylamino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



15 The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 25 using benzoic acid (31 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as a pink solid (26 mg, 35%). (LC/MS: R_t 3.96, $[M+H]^+$ 324.65).

EXAMPLE 27

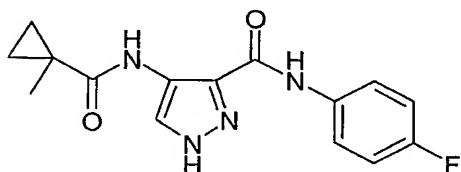
Synthesis of 4-(Cyclohexanecarbonyl-amino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 25 using cyclohexanecarboxylic acid (32 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as a pink solid (28 mg, 37%). (LC/MS: R_t 4.16, $[M+H]^+$ 330.70).

5 EXAMPLE 28

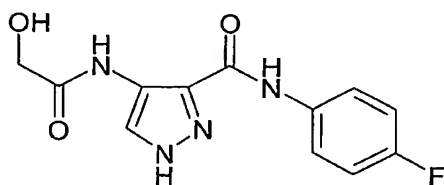
Synthesis of 4-((1-Methyl-cyclopropanecarbonyl)-amino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



10 The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 25 using 1-methyl-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid (25 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as a pink solid (24 mg, 35%). (LC/MS: R_t 3.72, $[M+H]^+$ 302.68).

EXAMPLE 29

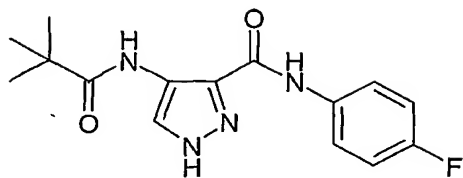
Synthesis of 4-((2-Hydroxy-acetyl)amino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



15 The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 25 using hydroxy-acetic acid (19 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as a white solid (26 mg, 41%). (LC/MS: R_t 2.65, $[M+H]^+$ 278.61).

EXAMPLE 30

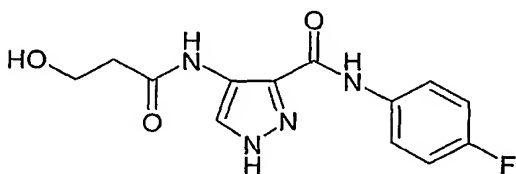
Synthesis of 4-((2,2-Dimethyl-propionyl)amino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 25 using 2,2-dimethyl-propionic acid (26 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as a pink solid (21 mg, 30%). (LC/MS: R_t 3.83, $[M+H]^+$ 304.68).

5 EXAMPLE 31

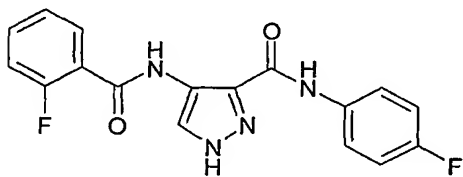
Synthesis of 4-(3-Hydroxy-propionylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 25 using 3-hydroxy-propionic acid (75.1 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as a beige solid (5 mg, 8%). (LC/MS: R_t 2.58, $[M+H]^+$ 292.65).

EXAMPLE 32

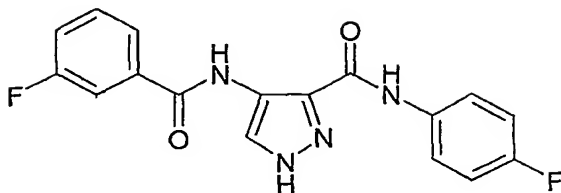
Synthesis of 4-(2-Fluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



2-Fluorobenzoic acid (36 mg, 0.25 mmol) was added to a solution of 4-amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide (50 mg, 0.23 mmol), EDC (53 mg, 0.27 mmol) and HOBt (37 mg, 0.27 mmol) in DMSO (1 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours and purified by preparative LC/MS. Evaporation of product-containing fractions yielded the product as a white solid (15 mg, 19 %). (LC/MS: R_t 3.91, $[M+H]^+$ 342.66).

EXAMPLE 33

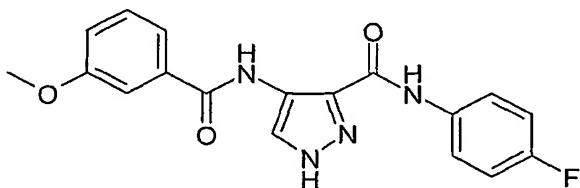
Synthesis of 4-(3-Fluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 32 using 3-fluorobenzoic acid (36 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as a white solid (19 mg, 24%). (LC/MS: R_t 4.03, $[M+H]^+$ 342.67).

5 EXAMPLE 34

Synthesis of 4-(3-Methoxy-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide

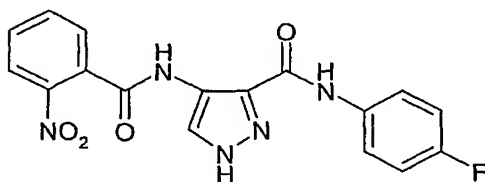


The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 32 using 3-methoxy-benzoic acid (39 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as a white solid (20 mg, 25%). (LC/MS: R_t 3.97, $[M+H]^+$ 354.68).

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EXAMPLE 35

Synthesis of 4-(2-Nitro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide

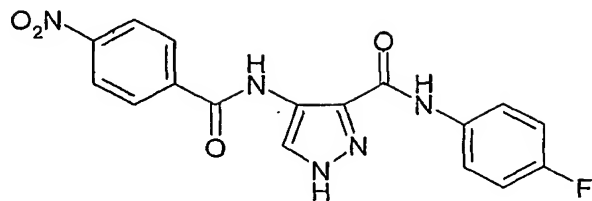


The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 32 using 2-nitrobenzoic acid (43 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as a white solid (17 mg, 20%). (LC/MS: R_t 3.67, $[M+H]^+$ 369.66).

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EXAMPLE 36

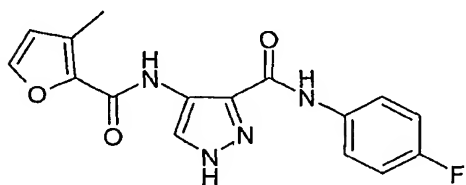
Synthesis of 4-(4-Nitro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 32 using 4-nitrobenzoic acid (43 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as a white solid (15 mg, 18%). (LC/MS: R_t 3.98, $[M+H]^+$ 369.63).

5 EXAMPLE 37

Synthesis of 4-[(3-Methyl-furan-2-carbonyl)-amino]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide

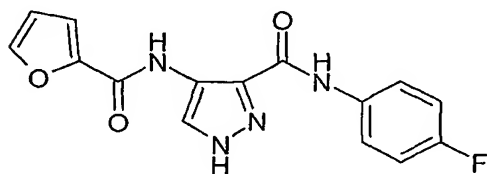


The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 32 using 3-methyl-2-furoic acid (32 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as a white solid (15 mg, 20%). (LC/MS: R_t 3.86, $[M+H]^+$ 328.68).

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EXAMPLE 38

Synthesis of 4-[(Furan-2-carbonyl)-amino]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide

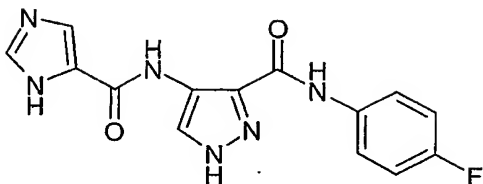


The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 32 using 2-furoic acid (29 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as a white solid (18 mg, 25%). (LC/MS: R_t 3.56, $[M+H]^+$ 314.64).

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EXAMPLE 39

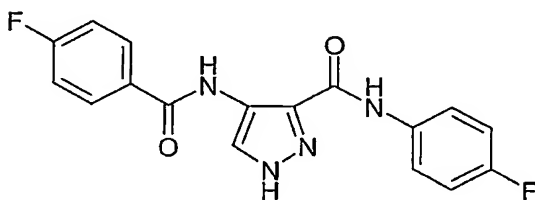
Synthesis of 4-[(3H-Imidazole-4-carbonyl)-amino]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 32 using 1H-imidazole-4-carboxylic acid (29 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as a white solid (16 mg, 22%). (LC/MS: R_t 2.59, $[M+H]^+$ 314.65).

5 EXAMPLE 40

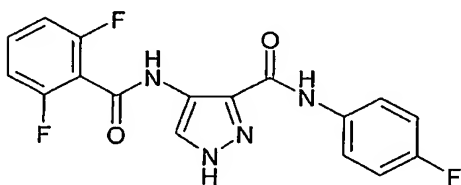
Synthesis of 4-(4-Fluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



10 The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 32 using 4-fluorobenzoic acid (36 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as a cream coloured solid (23 mg, 29%). (LC/MS: R_t 4.00, $[M+H]^+$ 342.67).

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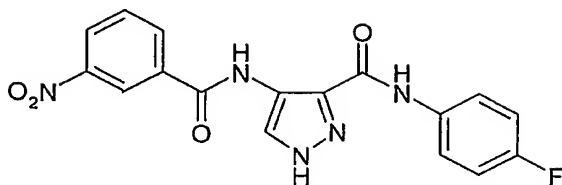
Synthesis of 4-(2,6-Difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



15 The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 32 using 2,6-difluorobenzoic acid (40 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as a cream coloured solid (25 mg, 30%). (LC/MS: R_t 3.76, $[M+H]^+$ 360.66).

EXAMPLE 42

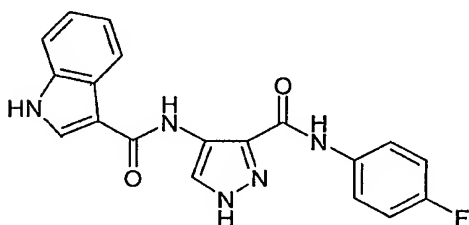
Synthesis of 4-(3-Nitro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 32 using 3-nitrobenzoic acid (43 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as a cream coloured solid (15 mg, 18%). (LC/MS: R_t 3.94, $[M+H]^+$ 369.65).

5 EXAMPLE 43

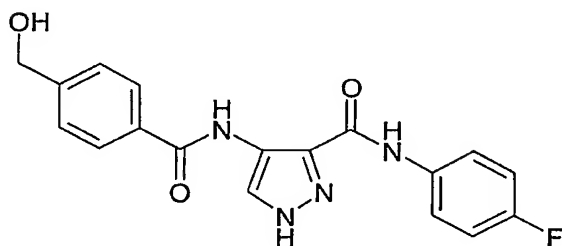
Synthesis of 1H-Indole-3-carboxylic acid [3-(4-fluoro-phenylcarbamoyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-amide



The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 32 using indole-3-carboxylic acid (41 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as a rust coloured solid (14 mg, 17%). (LC/MS: R_t 3.60, $[M+H]^+$ 363.66).

EXAMPLE 44

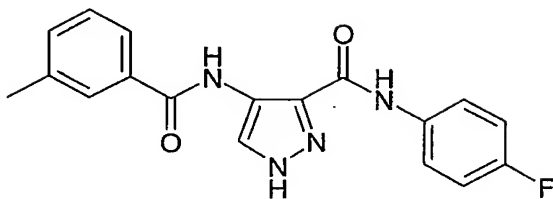
Synthesis of 4-(4-Hydroxymethyl-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 32 using 4-hydroxymethylbenzoic acid (39 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as a white solid (19 mg, 23%). (LC/MS: R_t 3.12, $[M+H]^+$ 354.68).

EXAMPLE 45

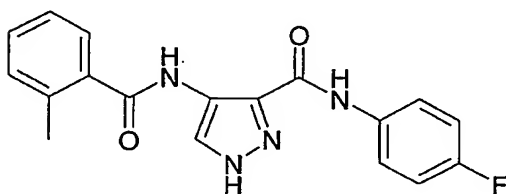
Synthesis of 4-(3-Methyl-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 32 using 3-methylbenzoic acid (35 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as an off-white solid (21 mg, 27%). (LC/MS: R_t 4.13, $[M+H]^+$ 338.71).

5 EXAMPLE 46

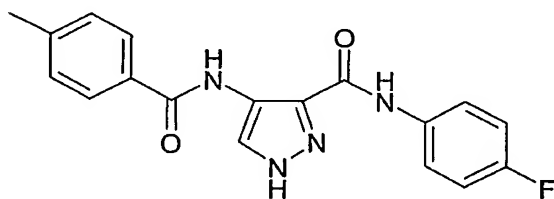
Synthesis of 4-(2-Methyl-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 32 using 2-methylbenzoic acid (35 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as an off-white solid (20 mg, 26%). (LC/MS: R_t 4.05, $[M+H]^+$ 338.69).

EXAMPLE 47

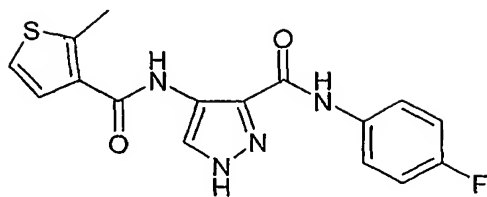
Synthesis of 4-(4-Methyl-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 32 using 4-methylbenzoic acid (35 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as an off-white solid (19 mg, 24%). (LC/MS: R_t 4.16, $[M+H]^+$ 338.70).

EXAMPLE 48

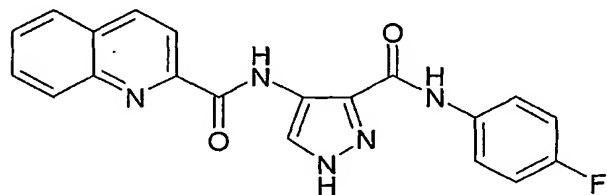
Synthesis of 4-[(2-Methyl-thiophene-3-carbonyl)-amino]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



- 5 The reaction mixture was added dropwise to water (30 ml) and the resultant solid was collected by filtration, washed with water and sucked dry. The title compound was obtained as a beige solid (15 mg, 19%). (LC/MS: R_t 4.08, $[M+H]^+$ 344.67).

EXAMPLE 49

Synthesis of Quinoline-2-carboxylic acid [3-(4-fluoro-phenylcarbamoyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-amide

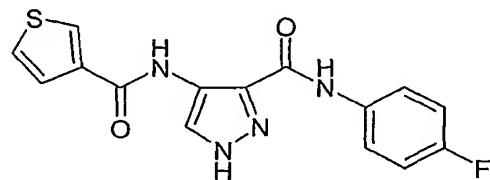


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The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 48 using quinaldic acid (44 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as a brown solid (16 mg, 19%). (LC/MS: R_t 4.29, $[M+H]^+$ 375.66).

EXAMPLE 50

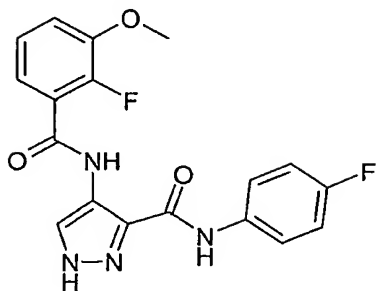
- 15 Synthesis of 4-[(Thiophene-3-carbonyl)-amino]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



The experiment was carried out in a manner analogous to that of Example 48 using thiophene-3-carboxylic acid (33 mg, 0.25 mmol) as starting acid. The product was isolated as a beige solid (15 mg, 20%). (LC/MS: R_t 3.77, $[M+H]^+$ 330.61).

- 20 EXAMPLE 51

4-(2-fluoro-3-methoxy-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide

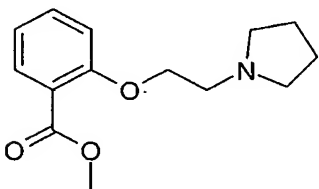


5 2-Fluoro-3-methoxybenzoic acid (0.047 g, 0.28 mmol), 4-amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluorophenyl)-amide (Example 2B) (0.055 g, 0.25 mmol), EDC (0.58 g, 0.30 mmol) and HOBt (0.041 g, 0.30 mmol) were stirred at room temperature in DMSO (1.25 ml) for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into water (30 ml) and the resultant solid was collected by filtration and dried in a vacuum oven to give the title compound as a grey solid (0.058 g, 63 %). (LC/MS: R_t 3.99, $[MH]^+$ 372.98).

EXAMPLE 52

Synthesis of 4-[2-(2-Pyrrolidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-benzoylamino]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid 4-fluorophenylamide

52A 2-(2-Pyrrolidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-benzoic acid methyl ester

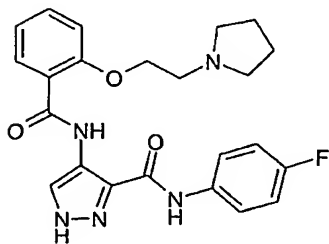


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Diisopropylazodicarboxylate (0.404 g, 2 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of triphenylphosphine (0.524 g, 2 mmol) in THF (10 ml). Methyl salicylate (0.304 g, 2 mmol) was added dropwise and the resultant mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. 1,2-Hydroxyethyl pyrrolidine (0.230 g, 2 mmol) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was left stirring at room temperature for a further 1.5 hours. The resulting solution was reduced *in vacuo* and subject to flash column chromatography, eluting with hexane: ethyl acetate (5:1, 1:1) then ethyl acetate : methanol (4:1) to give the product as a clear yellow oil (0.104 g, 21 %). (LC/MS: R_t 0.69, 1.62, $[MH]^+$ 250.02).

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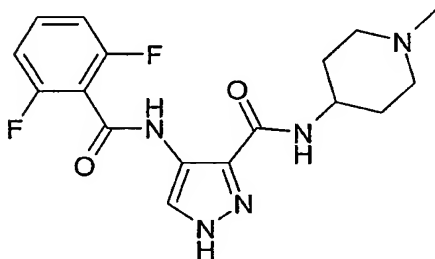
52B. 4-[2-(2-Pyrrolidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-benzoylamino]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid 4-fluorophenylamide



2-(2-Pyrrolidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-benzoic acid methyl ester (0.104 g, 0.42 mmol) was treated with 2 M aqueous NaOH (20 ml) and water (20 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 hours, then reduced *in vacuo* and azeotroped with toluene (3 x 5 ml). Water (50 ml) was added and the mixture taken to pH 5 using 1M aqueous HCl. The resulting solution was reduced *in vacuo* and azeotroped with toluene (3 x 5 ml) to give a white solid, which was combined with 4-amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide (Example 2B) (0.055 g, 0.25 mmol), EDC (0.058 g, 0.3 mmol) and HOBt (0.041g, 0.3 mmol) and stirred at room temperature in DMSO (3 ml) for 20 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into water (30 ml) and the resultant solid was collected by filtration and dried in a vacuum oven to give the title compound as a grey solid (0.015 g, 14 %). (LC/MS: R_t 2.18, $[MH]^+$ 438.06).

10 EXAMPLE 53

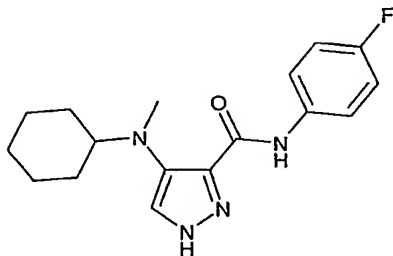
Synthesis of 4-(2,6-Difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (1-methyl-piperidin-4-yl)-amide



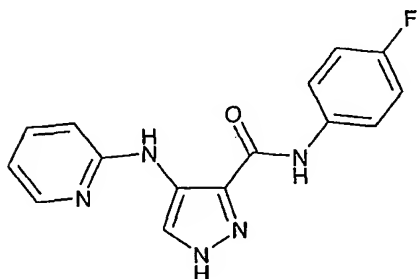
A mixture of 4-(2,6-difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (134 mg, 0.50 mmol), 4-amino-N-methylpiperidine (50.0 μ l, 0.45 mmol), EDAC (104 mg, 0.54 mmol) and HOBt (73.0 mg, 0.54 mmol) in DMF (3 ml) was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 hours. The mixture was reduced *in vacuo*, the residue taken up in EtOAc and washed successively with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate, water and brine. The organic portion was dried ($MgSO_4$) and reduced *in vacuo* to give 4-(2,6-difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (1-methyl-piperidin-4-yl)-amide as a white solid (113 mg, 69%). (LC/MS: R_t 2.52, $[M+H]^+$ 364.19).

20 EXAMPLE 54

Synthesis of 4-(Cyclohexyl-methyl-amino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



This compound was prepared in a manner analogous to the compound of Example 19 by successive reductive alkylations using firstly cyclohexanone and then formaldehyde. (LC/MS: R_t 2.77 $[MH]^+$ 316.71).

EXAMPLE 554-(Pyridin-2-ylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide

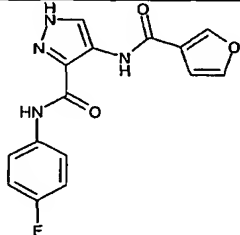
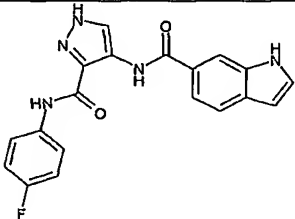
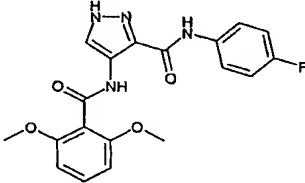
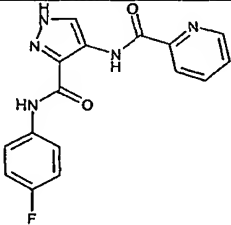
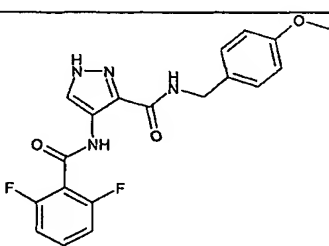
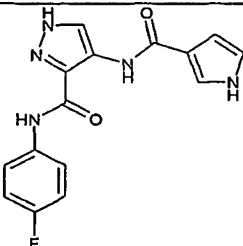
5 The title compound was prepared in a manner analogous to the compound of Example 23. (LC/MS: R_t 2.07 [MH]⁺ 298.03).

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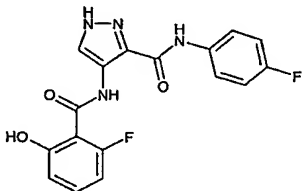
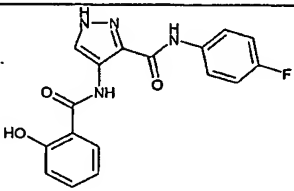
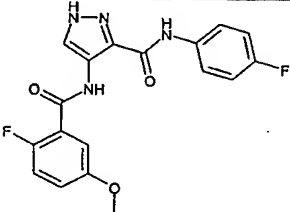
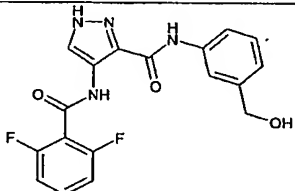
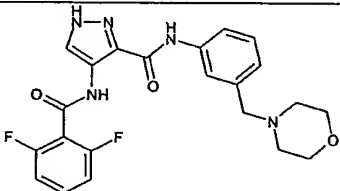
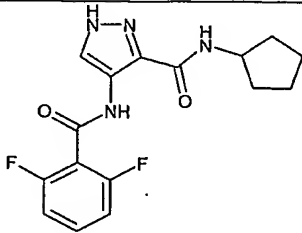
By following the procedures described in the foregoing examples or methods analogous thereto, or by carrying out chemical transformations using the compounds described in the above examples and synthetic methods well known to the skilled person, the compounds set out in Table 3 were prepared.

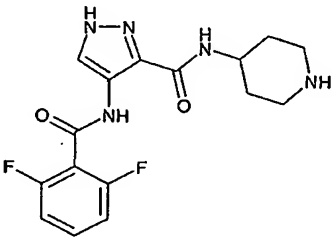
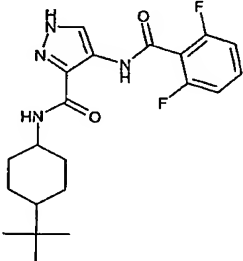
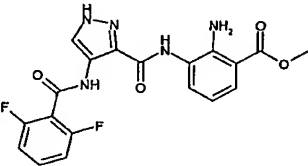
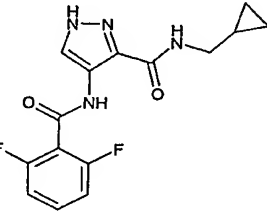
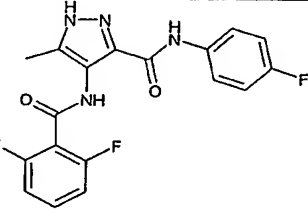
10 Table 3

Example No.	Structure	Prepared using method analogous to Example No	Differences to Example?	LCMS
56		4		R_t 3.20 min [M+H] ⁺ 406.07
57		4	Then removal of t-Boc protecting group with TFA as described in Example 82	R_t 2.35 min m/z 343.72

Example No.	Structure	Prepared using method analogous to Example No	Differences to Example?	LCMS
58		4	Used DMSO instead of DMF as solvent	R _t 3.51 min m/z 314.62
59		4	Used DMSO instead of DMF as solvent	R _t 3.79 min m/z 363.67
60		48	Purified by column chromatography using EtOAc: Petroleum ether eluent	R _t 3.68 min m/z 384.69
61		48	Purified by column chromatography using EtOAc: Petroleum ether eluent	R _t 3.61 min m/z 326.10
62		48	Purified by column chromatography using EtOAc: Petroleum ether eluent	R _t 3.51 min m/z 387.11
63		48		R _t 3.11 min m/z 313.65

Example No.	Structure	Prepared using method analogous to Example No	Differences to Example?	LCMS
64		48	Purified by column chromatography using EtOAc: Petroleum ether eluent	R _t 2.20 min m/z 455.19
65		53		R _t 3.95 min m/z 349.09
66		48	Purified by column chromatography using EtOAc: Petroleum ether eluent	R _t 2.39 min m/z 351.07
67		48	Purified by column chromatography using EtOAc: Petroleum ether eluent	R _t 2.83 min m/z 365.13
68		Removal of PMB group from the compound of Example 62 using TFA-anisole		R _t 2.10 min m/z 266.97
69		48	Used DMF instead of DMSO as solvent	R _t 3.22 min m/z 363.10

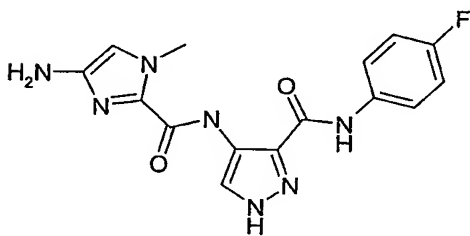
Example No.	Structure	Prepared using method analogous to Example No	Differences to Example?	LCMS
70		48		R _t 4.48 min m/z 358.96
71		48		R _t 3.93 min m/z 340.96
72		48		R _t 4.11 min m/z 373.01
73		48	Used DMF instead of DMSO as solvent	R _t 2.56 min m/z 373.05
74		Obtained by oxidation and then reductive amination of Example 73		R _t 1.99 min m/z 442.09
75		53	Purified by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1:0 to 19:1) eluent	R _t 3.65 min m/z 335.03

Example No.	Structure	Prepared using method analogous to Example No	Differences to Example?	LCMS
76		25	Purified by column chromatography. Then removal of t-Boc protecting group with saturated ethyl acetate/HCl	R _t 1.57 min m/z 350.10
77		53		R _t 5.05 min m/z 405.14
78		53		R _t 2.87 min m/z 416.07
79		53	Purified by column chromatography using EtOAc: Petroleum ether eluent (1:1)	R _t 3.41 min m/z 321.03
80		2A, 2B & 53	Commercially available 5-methyl-pyrazole-1H-3-carboxylic acid used as starting material. Purified by column chromatography using EtOAc: Hexane eluent (1:3 to 1:1)	R _t 3.42 min m/z 375.05

Example No.	Structure	Prepared using method analogous to Example No	Differences to Example?	LCMS
81		2C	Purified by column chromatography using EtOAc: Hexane eluent (1:1 to 1:0)	R _t 2.37 min m/z 277.04

EXAMPLE 82

4-[(4-Amino-1-methyl-1H-imidazole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide

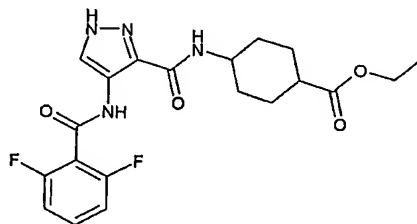


- 5 Trifluoroacetic acid (200 μ l) was added to a stirred suspension of {2-[3-(4-fluoro-phenylcarbamoyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-ylcarbamoyl]-1-methyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl}-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester (30 mg) in dichloromethane (5 ml), then stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The solvent was evaporated then re-evaporated with toluene (2 x 10 ml). The residue was triturated with diethyl ether and the resultant solid collected by filtration. The solid was washed with diethyl ether then dried under vacuum to give 15 mg of 4-[(4-amino-1-methyl-1H-imidazole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide as an off-white solid. (LC/MS: [M+H]⁺ 343.72).
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EXAMPLE 83

Synthesis of 4-[(4-(2,6-Difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carbonyl)-amino]-cyclohexanecarboxylic acid

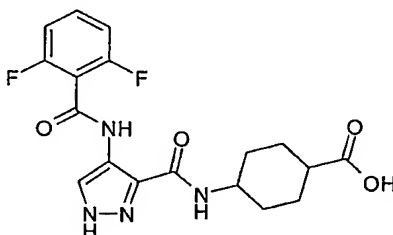
83A. 4-[(4-(2,6-difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carbonyl)-amino]-cyclohexanecarboxylic acid ethyl ester



Thionyl chloride (0.32 ml, 4.40 mmol) was slowly added to a mixture of 4-aminocyclohexanecarboxylic acid (572 mg, 4.00 mmol) in EtOH (10 ml) and stirred at ambient temperature for 16 hours. The mixture was reduced *in vacuo*, azeotroping with toluene, to give the corresponding ethyl ester (650 mg) as a pale solid.

- 5 A mixture of the ethyl ester (103 mg, 0.60 mmol), 4-(2,6-difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (134 mg, 0.50 mmol), EDC (115 mg, 0.60 mmol) and HOBt (81 mg, 0.60 mmol) in DMF (5 ml) was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 hours. The mixture was reduced *in vacuo*, the residue taken up in EtOAc and washed successively with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate, water and brine. The organic portion was dried (MgSO₄) and reduced *in vacuo* to give 4-[[4-(2,6-difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carbonyl]-amino]-cyclohexanecarboxylic acid ethyl ester (112 mg).

- 10 83B. 4-[[4-(2,6-difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carbonyl]-amino]-cyclohexanecarboxylic acid

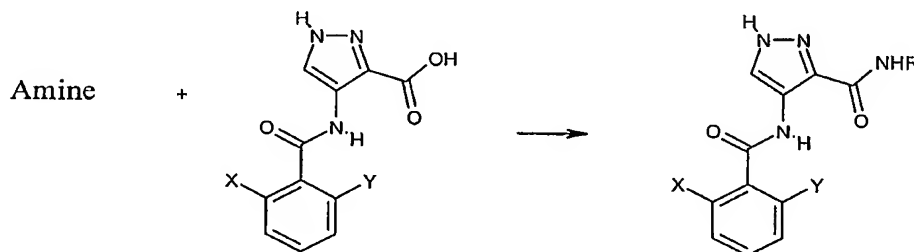


- 15 A mixture of the ester (45 mg) (from 83A) in MeOH (2.5 ml) and 2M aqueous NaOH (2.5 ml) was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 hours. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo*, water (10 ml) added and the mixture taken to pH 5 using 1M aqueous HCl. The precipitate formed was collected by filtration and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/MeOH (1:0 – 9:1) to give 4-[[4-(2,6-difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carbonyl]-amino]-cyclohexanecarboxylic acid (11 mg) as a white solid and mixture of *cis*-/*trans*-isomers. (LC/MS: R_t 2.78 and 2.96, [M+H]⁺ 393.09).

EXAMPLES 84 – 152

General Procedure A

- 20 Preparation of Amide from Pyrazole Carboxylic Acid

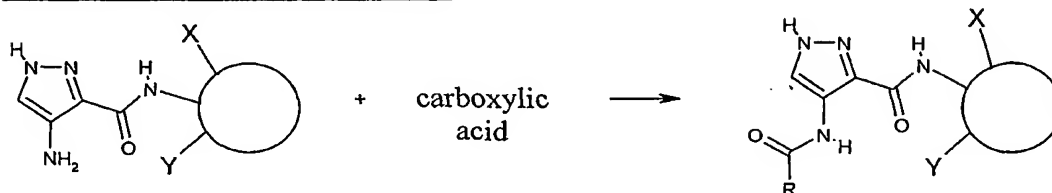


A mixture of the appropriate benzoylamino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (0.50 mmol), EDAC (104 mg, 0.54 mmol), HOBt (73.0 mg, 0.54 mmol) and the corresponding amine (0.45 mmol) in DMF (3 ml) was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 hours. The mixture was reduced *in vacuo*, the residue taken up in EtOAc and

washed successively with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate, water and brine. The organic portion was dried (MgSO_4) and reduced *in vacuo* to give the desired product.

General Procedure B

Preparation of Amide from Amino-Pyrazole



To a stirred solution of the appropriate 4-amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid amide (0.23 mmol), EDAC (52 mg; 0.27 mmol) and HOBt (37 mg; 0.27 mmol) in 5 ml of N,N-dimethylformamide was added the corresponding carboxylic acid (0.25 mmol), and the mixture was then left at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue purified by preparative LC/MS, to give the product.

General Procedure C

Deprotection of Piperidine Ring Nitrogen by Removal of *tert*-Butoxycarbonyl Group

A product of Procedure A or Procedure B containing a piperidine group bearing an N-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl (t-Boc) protecting group (40 mg) was treated with saturated ethyl acetate/HCl, and stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. A solid precipitated out of the reaction mixture, which was filtered off, washed with ether, and then dried to give 25 mg product (LC/MS: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 364).

Procedure L

Preparation of Amine Starting Materials

The following method was used to prepare the following amines:

4-thiomorpholine-4-yl-cyclohexylamine;

4-(1,1-dioxo-thiomorpholine-4-yl)-cyclohexylamine;

N-(tetrahydro-pyran-4-yl)-cyclohexane-1,4-diamine;

4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-cyclohexylamine;

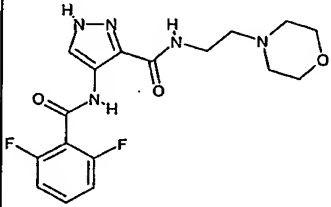
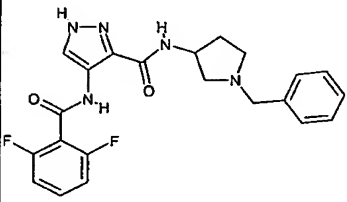
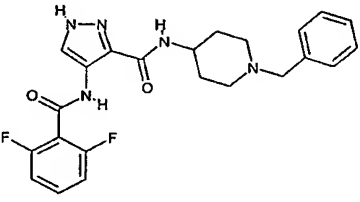
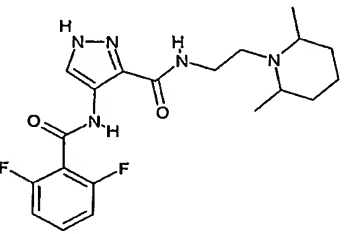
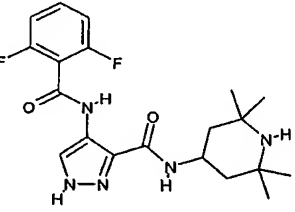
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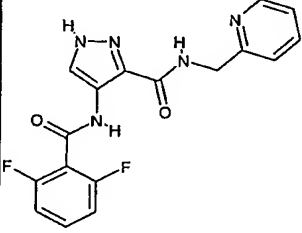
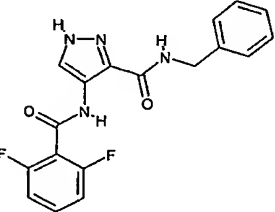
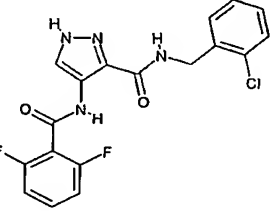
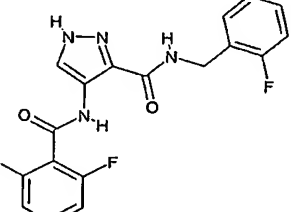
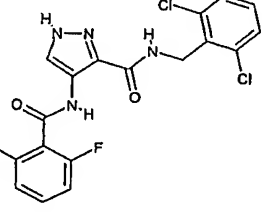
4-morpholin-4-yl-cyclohexylamine.

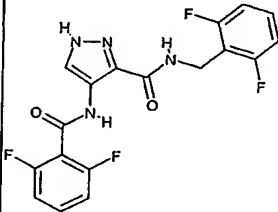
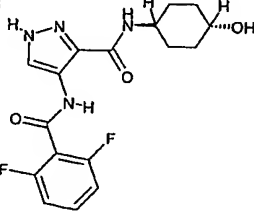
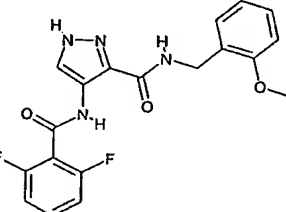
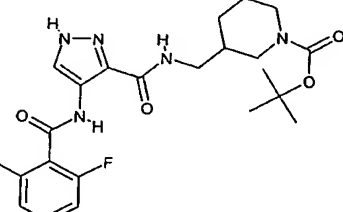
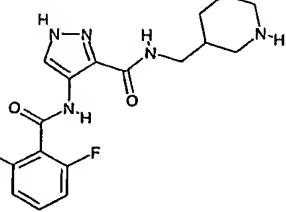
A solution of N-4-Boc-aminocyclohexanone (0.5 g, 2.3 mmol) in THF (10 ml) was treated with the appropriate amine, e.g. thiomorpholine (0.236 g, 2.3 mmol), and sodium triacetoxyborohydride (0.715 g, 2.76 mmol) and acetic acid (0.182 ml). The reaction was stirred overnight at room temperature, then diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and washed with saturated sodium carbonate. The organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated to give a white solid which was used without further purification in the next step. The white solid was treated with saturated HCl/EtOAc, stirred at room temperature for 1 hour, evaporated to dryness and then re-evaporated with toluene. The resulting amines were isolated as the hydrochloride salt. (LC/MS: R_t 1.75, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 201).

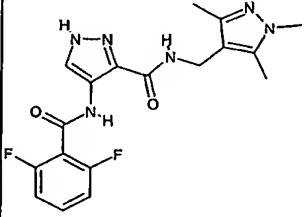
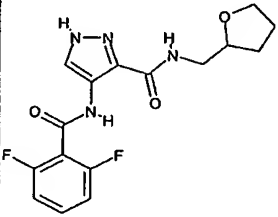
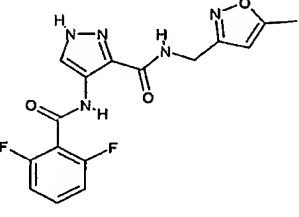
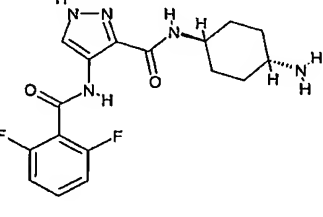
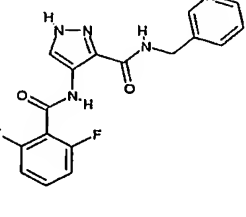
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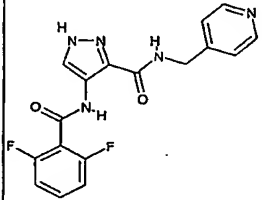
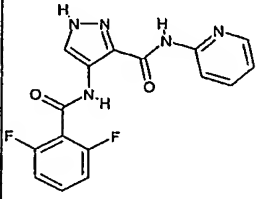
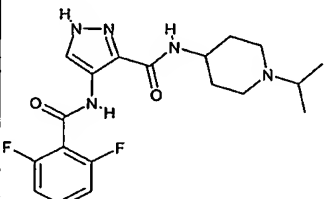
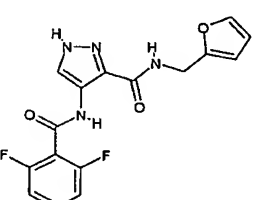
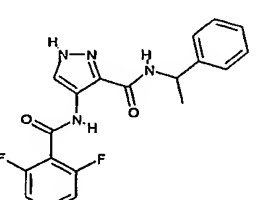
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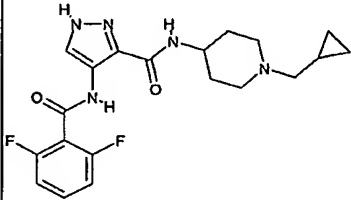
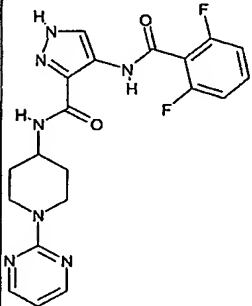
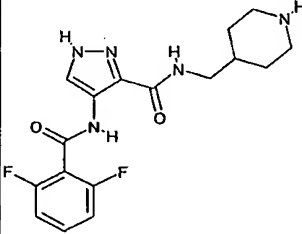
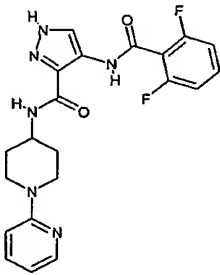
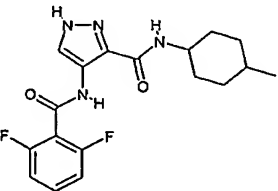
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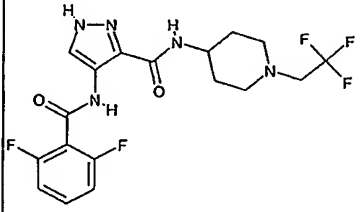
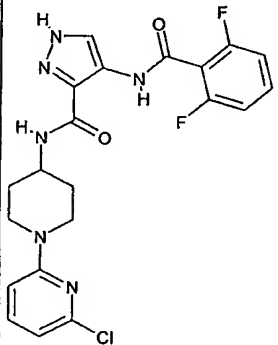
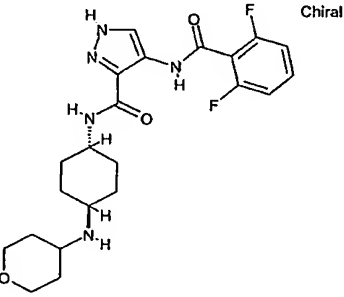
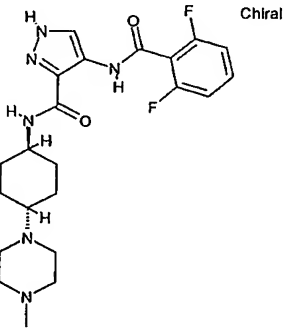
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91		Procedure A DMSO instead of DMF	$[M+H]^+$ 391 R_t 3.16
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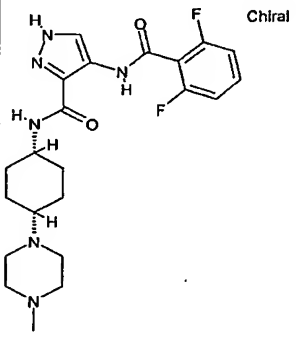
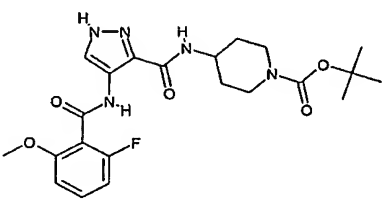
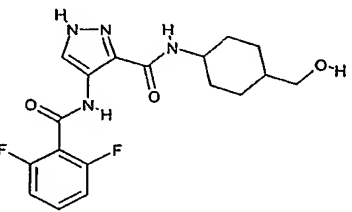
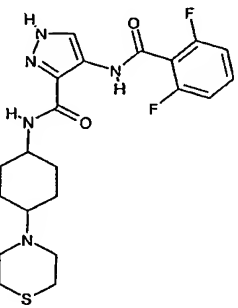
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96		Procedure A DMSO instead of DMF	$[M+H]^+$ 387 R_t 3.05
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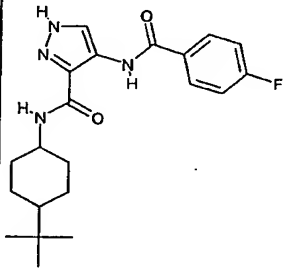
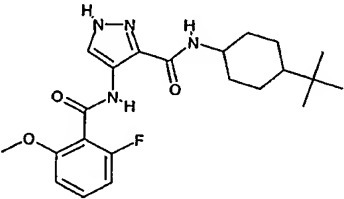
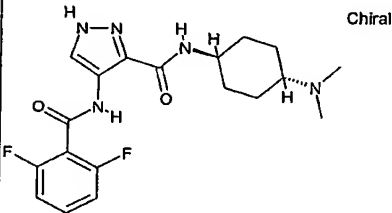
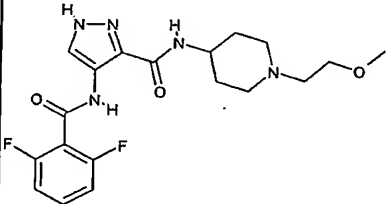
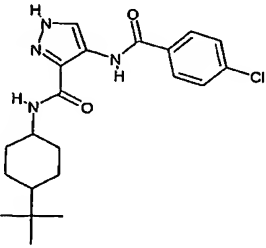
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101		Procedure A DMSO instead of DMF	$[M+H]^+$ 362 R_t 2.63
102		Procedure A DMSO instead of DMF Starting amine prepared according to Procedure L	$[M+H]^+$ 364 R_t 1.75
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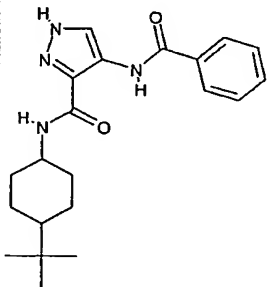
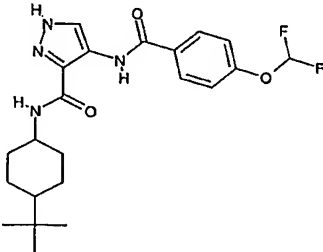
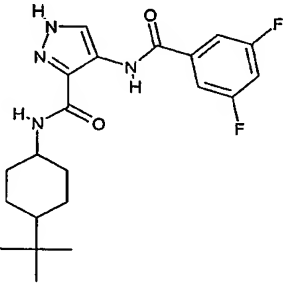
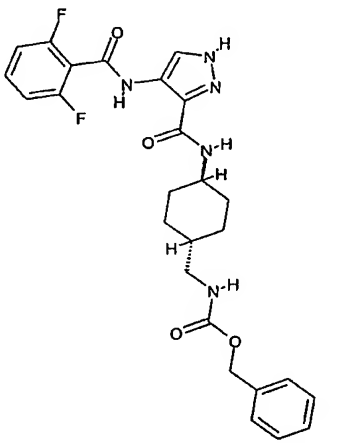
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106		Procedure A DMSO instead of DMF	$[M+H]^+$ 392 R_t 2.57
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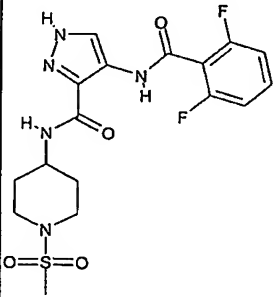
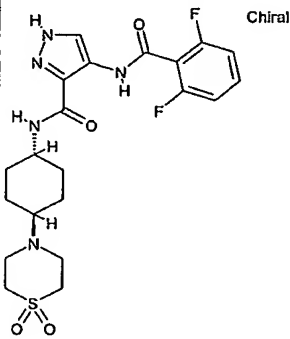
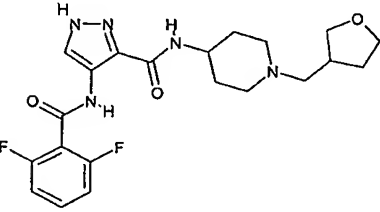
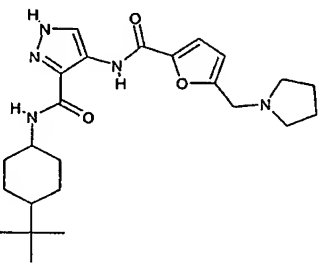
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111		Procedure Procedure A followed by Procedure C Et ₃ N 2 equiv., HOAt instead of HOBt, DMSO instead of DMF	[M+H] ⁺ 364 R _t 1.75
112		Procedure A Et ₃ N 2 equiv., HOAt instead of HOBt, DMSO instead of DMF	[M+H] ⁺ 427 R _t 2.71
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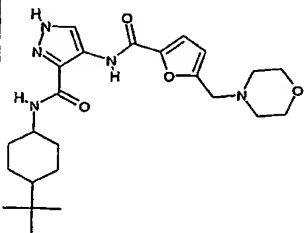
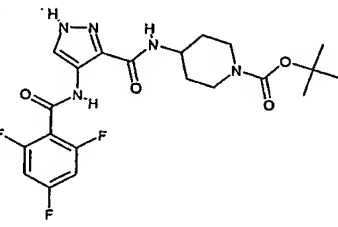
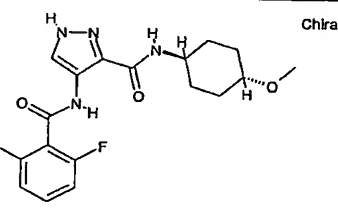
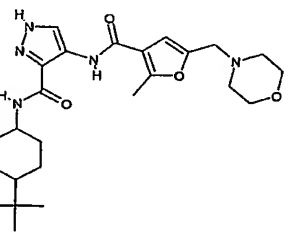
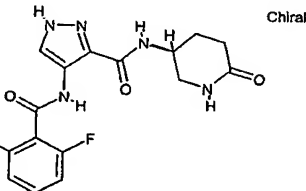
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115		Procedure A	[M+H] ⁺ 461 R _t 3.3
116		Procedure A DMSO instead of DMF, Et ₃ N 2 equiv Starting amine prepared according to Procedure L	[M+H] ⁺ 448 R _t 1.87
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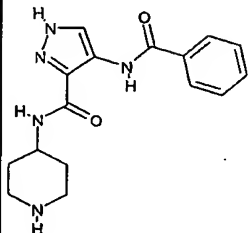
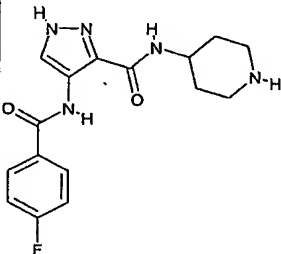
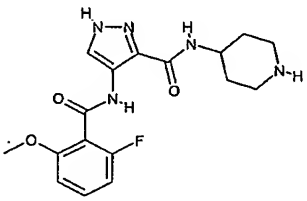
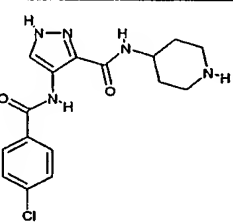
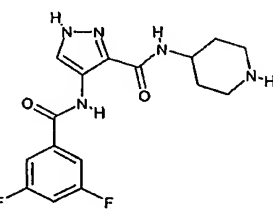
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119		<p>Procedure B</p>	<p>[M+H]⁺ 462</p> <p>R_t 2.97</p>
120		<p>Procedure A</p> <p>N-ethyl-morpholine (NEM) 2 equiv</p>	<p>[M+H]⁺ 379</p> <p>R_t 2.45</p>
121		<p>Procedure A</p> <p>HOAt instead of HOBt, Et₃N 2 equiv</p> <p>Starting amine prepared according to Procedure L</p>	<p>[M+H]⁺ 450</p> <p>R_t 1.97</p>

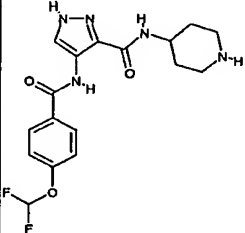
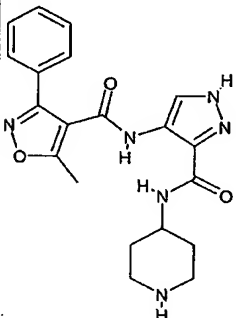
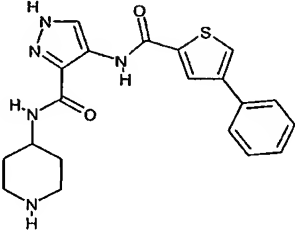
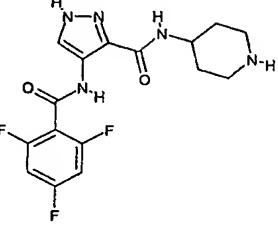
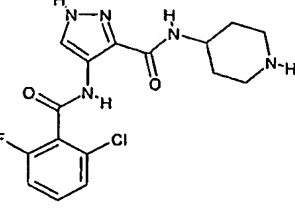
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122		Procedure B	[M+H] ⁺ 387 R _t 3.83
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124		Procedure A HOAt instead of HOBt, equiv Et ₃ N 2	[M+H] ⁺ 392 R _t 1.85
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126		Procedure B	[M+H] ⁺ 403 R _t 4.02

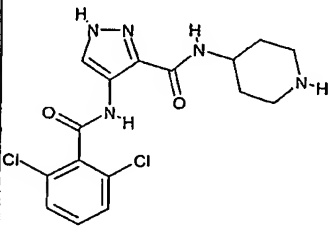
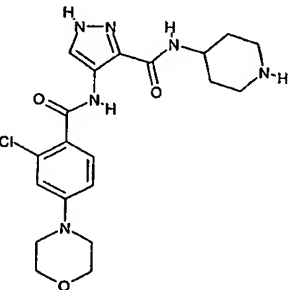
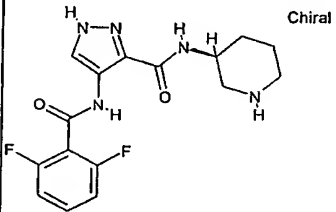
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127		Procedure B	[M+H] ⁺ 369 R _t 3.78
128		Procedure B	[M+H] ⁺ 435 R _t 3.83
129		Procedure B	[M+H] ⁺ 405 R _t 3.96
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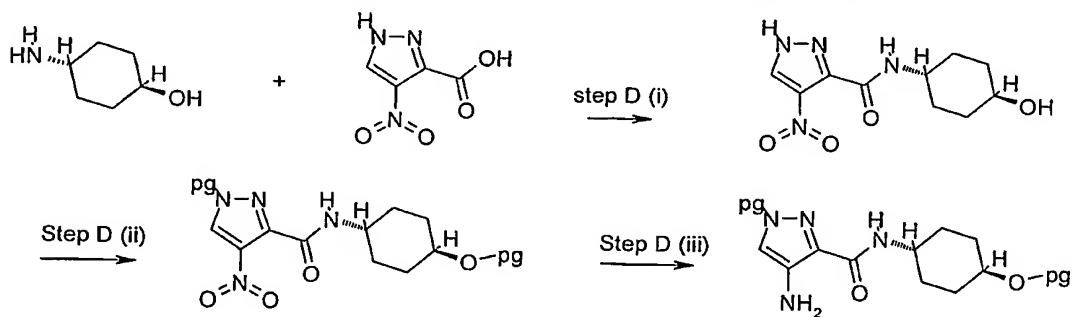
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132		Procedure A HOAt instead of HOBt, Et_3N 2 equiv. Cis and trans isomers separated after amide coupling step Starting amine prepared according to Procedure L	$[M+H]^+$ 482 R_t 1.96
133		Procedure A HOAt instead of HOBt, DMSO instead of DMF	$[M+H]^+$ 434 R_t 2.3
134		Procedure B	$[M+H]^+$ 442 R_t 2.39

Example No.		Method of Preparation	LCMS
135		Procedure B	[M+H] ⁺ 458 R _t 2.26
136		Procedure B HOAt instead of HOBT,	[M+H] ⁺ 468 R _t 3.07
137		Procedure A Et ₃ N 2 equiv., HOAt instead of HOBT,	[M+H] ⁺ 379 R _t 2.6
138		Procedure B	[M+H] ⁺ 472 R _t 2.40
139		Procedure A Et ₃ N 2 equiv., HOAt instead of HOBT, DMSO instead of DMF	[M+H] ⁺ 364 R _t 2.1

Example No.		Method of Preparation	LCMS
140		Procedure B followed by Procedure C	$[M+H]^+$ 314 R_t 1.78
141		Procedure B followed by Procedure C	$[M+H]^+$ 332 R_t 1.89
142		Procedure B followed by Procedure C	$[M+H]^+$ 362 R_t 1.78
143		Procedure B followed by Procedure C	$[M+H]^+$ 348 R_t 2.01
144		Procedure B followed by Procedure C	$[M+H]^+$ 350 R_t 1.97

Example No.		Method of Preparation	LCMS
145		Procedure B followed by Procedure C	$[M+H]^+$ 380 R_t 2.01
146		Procedure B followed by Procedure C	$[M+H]^+$ 395 R_t 1.94
147		Procedure B followed by Procedure C	$[M+H]^+$ 396 R_t 2.11
148		Procedure B followed by Procedure C HOAt instead of HOBt	$[M+H]^+$ 368 R_t 1.76
149		Procedure B followed by Procedure C	$[M+H]^+$ 366 R_t 1.78

Example No.		Method of Preparation	LCMS
150		Procedure B followed by Procedure C	$[M+H]^+$ 383 R_t 1.87
151		Procedure B followed by Procedure C	$[M+H]^+$ 433 R_t 1.89
152		Procedure A followed by Procedure C HOAt instead of HOBt	$[M+H]^+$ 350 R_t 1.76

EXAMPLES 153 – 165General Procedure DPreparation of Protected 4-Amino-pyrazol-3-yl carboxylic acid 4-hydroxy-cyclohexylamideStep D (i):

- A mixture of 4-nitro-3-pyrazolecarboxylic acid (4.98 g, 31.7 mmol), *trans* 4-aminocyclohexanol (3.65 g, 31.7 mmol), EDAC (6.68 g, 34.8 mmol) and HOBt (4.7 g, 34.8 mmol) in DMF (120 ml) was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 hours. The mixture was reduced *in vacuo*, the residue taken up in CH₂Cl₂ and washed successively with 5% citric acid, saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate, water and brine. The product was found to be mainly in the citric acid wash, which was basified and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated to give a white solid, which was triturated with CHCl₃ to give 1.95 g of 4-nitro-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid 4-hydroxy-cyclohexylamide. (LC/MS: R_t 1.62, [M+H]⁺ 255).

Step D (ii):

Introduction of Tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl Protecting Group

- A solution of 4-nitro-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid 4-hydroxy-cyclohexylamide (1.95 g; 7.67 mmol) in a mix of THF (50 ml) and chloroform (100 ml), was treated with 3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran (1.54 ml, 15.34 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulphonic acid monohydrate (100 mg). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, and then excess pyran (0.9 ml) was added in total to bring reaction to completion. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed successively with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate, water and brine. The resulting solution was reduced *in vacuo* and subject to Biotage column chromatography, eluting with hexane (2 column lengths) followed by 30% ethyl acetate: hexane (10 column lengths), 70% ethyl acetate: hexane (10 column lengths) to give 1.25 g of 4- nitro-1- (tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid [4-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-cyclohexyl]-amide. (LC/MS: R_t 2.97, [M+H]⁺ 423).

Step D (iii):

- A solution of 4- nitro-1- (tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid [4-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-cyclohexyl]-amide (0.3 g; 0.71 mmol) in methanol (25 ml), was treated with 10% palladium on carbon (30 mg) then hydrogenated at room temperature and pressure overnight. The catalyst was removed by filtration and washed three times with methanol. The filtrate was evaporated to give 0.264 g of the required product. (LC/MS: R_t 2.39, [M+H]⁺ 393).

25 General Procedure E

Procedure for Removal of a Tetrahydropyran-2-yl Protecting Group

- To a suspension of 4-(2-methoxy- benzoylamino)-1- (tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid [4-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-cyclohexyl]-amide (0.125 g, 0.23 mmol) in EtOH (10 ml) was added *p*-toluene sulphonic acid hydrate (90 mg, 0.46 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated at 70 °C for 30 mins. The reaction was diluted with EtOAc and washed successively with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate, water and brine. The resulting solution was reduced *in vacuo* to give a white solid, which contained traces of *p*-toluene sulphonic acid hydrate. The solid was then taken up in EtOAc and washed with 1M NaOH and then brine. The resulting solution was reduced *in vacuo* and then triturated with ether/ hexane to give 10 mg of required product. (LC/MS: R_t 2.29, [M+H]⁺ 359)

35 General Procedure F

Preparation of a Urea from a 4-Amino-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid amide

To a solution of 4-amino-1- (tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid [4-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-cyclohexyl]-amide (80 mg, 0.2 mmol) in toluene (2 ml) was added phenyl isocyanate (929 mg, 0.24 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated at 70 °C for 1 hour. The reaction was diluted with EtOAc and washed successively with water and brine. The resulting solution was reduced *in vacuo* to give yellow oil. This was used without further purification. (LC/MS: R_t 2.28, $[M+H]^+$ 344).

General Procedure G

Conversion of a 4-Amino-pyrazole group to a 4-(Morpholine-4-carboxylamino)-Pyrazole Group

To a solution of 4-amino-1- (tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid [4-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-cyclohexyl]-amide (0.1 g, 0.255 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 ml) at -10 °C was added in a dropwise manner a 20% solution of phosgene in toluene. The reaction mixture was stirred at -10 °C for 15 mins and then morpholine (0.765 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature over 1 hour then stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and washed successively with saturated sodium bicarbonate and brine. The resulting solution was reduced *in vacuo* to give a yellow oil which was used without further purification. (LC/MS: R_t 1.68, $[M+H]^+$ 338).

General Procedure H

Preparation of N-Oxides

To a suspension of the compound of Example 53 (7.7 mg, 0.02 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.5 ml) was added *meta*-chloroperbenzoic acid (MCPBA) (3.6 mg, 0.02 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, and then evaporated. The residue was purified by preparative LC/MS, to give 3 mg of the required product. (LC/MS: R_t 1.83, $[M+H]^+$ 380).

General Procedure I

Removal of a Benzyloxycarbonyl Protecting Group

A solution of the compound of Example 130 (0.2 g; 0.39 mmol) in EtOAc (40 ml) was treated with 10% palladium on carbon (20 mg) then hydrogenated at room temperature and pressure for 3 hours. The catalyst was removed by filtration and washed three times with EtOAc. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was subjected to chromatography using 10% MeOH- CH_2Cl_2 then 20% MeOH- CH_2Cl_2 to give 80 mg of the required product. (LC/MS: R_t 1.88, $[M+H]^+$ 378).

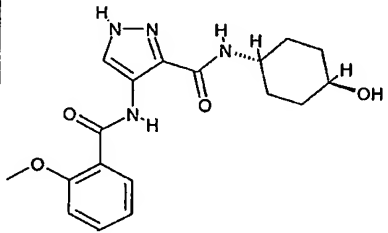
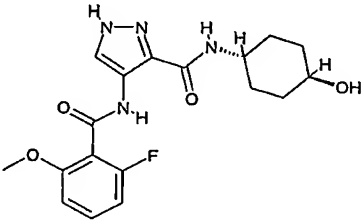
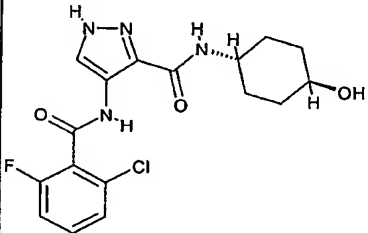
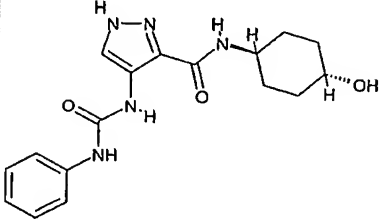
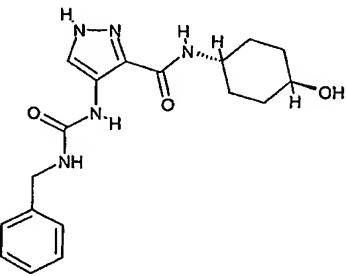
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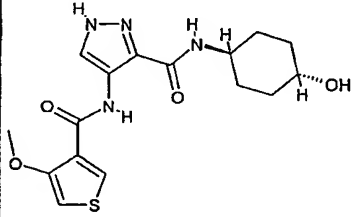
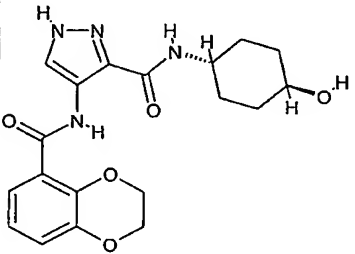
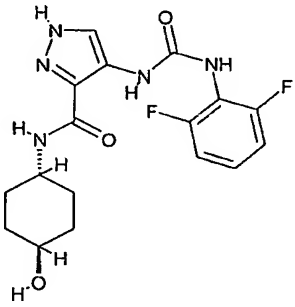
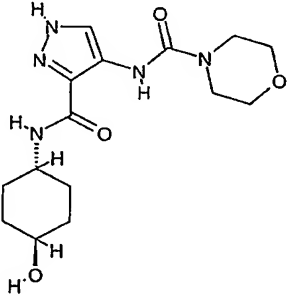
Mesylation of an Amine

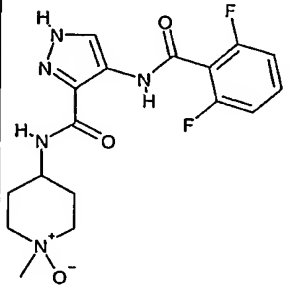
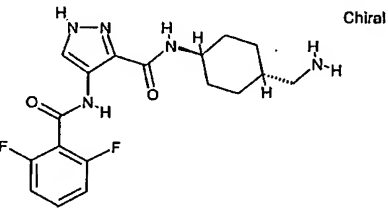
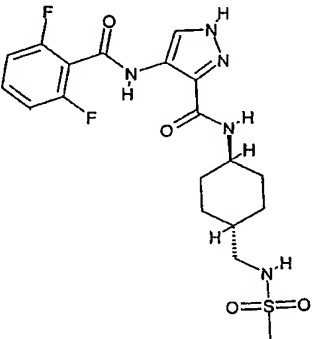
To a solution of the compound of Example 163 (20 mg, 0.05 mmol) in CH_3CN (3 ml) added methane-sulphonyl chloride (0.0045 ml, 0.058 mmol) followed by Hunig's Base (0.018 ml, 0.1 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours and was then evaporated down. The residue was purified by preparative LC/ MS to give 8mg of the required product. (LC/MS: R_t 2.54, $[M+H]^+$ 456).

By following Procedures A to L, the compounds set out in Table 5 were prepared.

Table 5

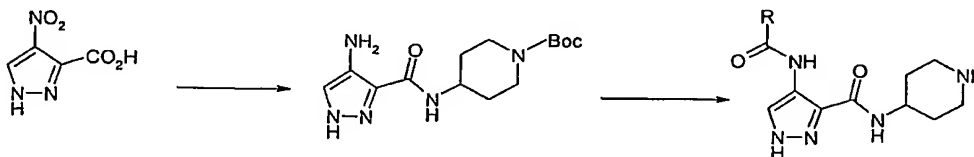
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153		Procedure D followed by B then E HOAt instead of HOBt, CH ₂ Cl ₂ instead of DMF	[M+H] ⁺ 359 R _t 2.29
154		Procedure D followed by B then E HOAt instead of HOBt, CH ₂ Cl ₂ instead of DMF	[M+H] ⁺ 377 R _t 2.22
155		Procedure D followed by B then E HOAt instead of HOBt, CH ₂ Cl ₂ instead of DMF	[M+H] ⁺ 381 R _t 2.34
156		Procedure D followed by F then E	[M+H] ⁺ 344 R _t 2.28
157		Procedure D followed by F then E	[M+H] ⁺ 358 R _t 2.22

Example No.		Method of Preparation	LCMS
158		Procedure D followed by B then E HOAt instead of HOBt, CH ₂ Cl ₂ instead of DMF	[M+H] ⁺ 365 R _t 2.21
159		Procedure D followed by B then E HOAt instead of HOBt, CH ₂ Cl ₂ instead of DMF	[M+H] ⁺ 387 R _t 2.29
160		Procedure D followed by F then E	[M+H] ⁺ 380 R _t 2.17
161		Procedure D followed by G then E	[M+H] ⁺ 338 R _t 1.68

Example No.		Method of Preparation	LCMS
162		Procedure H	$[M+H]^+$ 380 R_t 1.83
163		Procedure A (HOAt instead of HOBt) to give the compound of Example 130 followed by Procedure I.	$[M+H]^+$ 378 R_t 1.78
164		Procedures A (HOAt instead of HOBt) and I to give the compound of Example 163 followed by Procedure J	$[M+H]^+$ 456 R_t 2.54

General Procedure MFormation of pyrazole 4-amide group

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4-Nitropyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (7.3 g; 15.9 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of 4-amino-1-Boc-piperidine (10.2 mg; 51 mmol), EDC (10.7 g; 55.8 mmol), and HOAt (55.8 g; 19.1 mmol) in DMF (100 ml), and then stirred at room temperature overnight. The solvent was removed by evaporation under reduced pressure and the residue triturated with water (250ml). The resultant cream solid was collected by filtration, washed with water then dried under vacuum to give 13.05 g of 4-[(4-nitro-1H-pyrazole-3-carbonyl)-amino]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid *tert*-butyl ester (LC/MS: R_t 2.50, $[M+H]^+$ 340).

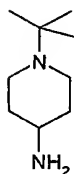
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4-[(4-Nitro-1H-pyrazole-3-carbonyl)-amino]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid *tert*-butyl ester (13.05 g) was dissolved in ethanol / DMF (300 ml / 75 ml), treated with 10% palladium on carbon (500 mg) then hydrogenated at room temperature and pressure overnight. The catalyst was removed by filtration through Celite and the filtrate evaporated and re-evaporated with toluene. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography eluting with EtOAc then 2% MeOH / EtOAc then 5% MeOH / EtOAc. Product containing fractions were combined and evaporated to give 8.78 g of 4-[(4-amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carbonyl)-amino]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid *tert*-butyl ester as a brown foam. (LC/MS: R_f 1.91, $[M+H]^+$ 310).

To a stirred solution of 4-[(4-amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carbonyl)-amino]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid *tert*-butyl ester (200 mg; 0.65 mmol), EDAC (150 mg; 0.78 mmol) and HOBt (105 mg; 0.78 mmol) in 5 ml of N,N-dimethylformamide was added the corresponding carboxylic acid (0.25 mmol), and the mixture was then left at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution and the product collected by filtration and dried under vacuum. The Boc-protected compound was dissolved in saturated HCl / EtOAc and stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. The product was collected by filtration, washed with diethyl ether and dried under vacuum.

15 General Procedure N

Preparation of 1-*tert*-Butyl-piperidin-4-ylamine



Step N (i)

To a solution of 1-ethyl-4-oxopiperidine (25 g, 0.197 mol) in acetone (250 ml) at RT in a water bath was added methyl iodide (15.5 ml, 0.25 mol) at such a rate to keep the temperature below 30 °C. The mixture was filtered and the precipitate washed with acetone and dried to yield 1-ethyl-1-methyl-4-oxopiperidinium iodide (45 g) (LC/MS: R_f 0.38, $[M+H]^+$ 143).

Step N (ii)

To a solution of *t*-butylamine (78.2 ml, 0.74 mol) in toluene (400 ml) was added a solution of 1-ethyl-1-methyl-4-oxopiperidinium iodide (40g, 0.148 mol) and sodium bicarbonate (1.245 g, 0.014 mol) in water (60 ml). The reaction mixture was heated at 78 °C for 6 hours and then allowed to cool to ambient temperature. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with EtOAc. The organics were combined and washed with brine, dried ($MgSO_4$), filtered and reduced *in vacuo* to yield 1-*tert*-butyl-4-oxopiperidine (14g) (LC/MS: R_f 0.39, $[M+H]^+$ 156).

30 Step N (iii)

A solution of 1-*tert*-butyl-4-oxopiperidine (3.6g, 23.1), benzylamine (5.1ml, 46.8 mmol), acetic acid (1.5 ml) and sodium triacetoxyborohydride (7.38 g, 34.8 mmol) was stirred at ambient for 2 days. Reaction mixture reduced *in vacuo*, residue partitioned between aqueous K_2CO_3 and EtOAc. The organic portion was dried (Na_2SO_4),

filtered and reduced *in vacuo*. The residue was subjected to chromatography using CH₂Cl₂/MeOH/NH₄OH (87/12/1) as the eluent to yield N-benzyl-1-*tert*-butylpiperidin-4-amine (1.5g) (LC/MS: R_t 0.45, [M+H]⁺ 247).

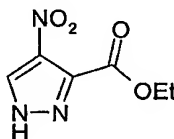
Step N (iv)

5 A solution of N-benzyl-1-*tert*-butylpiperidin-4-amine (1.56 g) and 10% palladium on carbon (2 g) in MeOH (250 ml) was hydrogenated in a Parr shaker at 50 psi for 16 hours. The solution was filtered and the reaction mixture reduced *in vacuo*, to yield 1-*tert*-butylpiperidin-4-amine (0.64 g) (LC/MS: R_t 0.231, no [M+H]⁺).

EXAMPLE 165

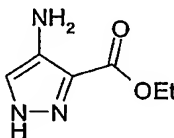
Synthesis of 4-(2,6-difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid [5-fluoro-2-(1-methyl-piperidin-4-yloxy)-phenyl]-amide

10 165A. Synthesis of 4-nitro-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester



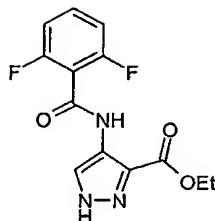
15 Thionyl chloride (2.90 ml, 39.8 mmol) was slowly added to a mixture of 4-nitro-3-pyrazolecarboxylic acid (5.68 g, 36.2 mmol) in EtOH (100 ml) at ambient temperature and the mixture stirred for 48 h. The mixture was reduced *in vacuo* and dried through azeotrope with toluene to afford 4-nitro-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester as a white solid (6.42 g, 96%). (¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 14.4 (s, 1H), 9.0 (s, 1H), 4.4 (q, 2H), 1.3 (t, 3H)).

165B. Synthesis of 4-amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester



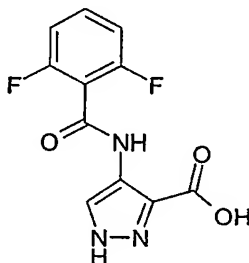
20 A mixture of 4-nitro-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (6.40 g, 34.6 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (650 mg) in EtOH (150ml) was stirred under an atmosphere of hydrogen for 20 h. The mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite, reduced *in vacuo* and dried through azeotrope with toluene to afford 4-amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester as a pink solid (5.28 g, 98%). (¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 12.7 (s, 1H), 7.1 (s, 1H), 4.8 (s, 2H), 4.3 (q, 2H), 1.3 (t, 3H)).

165C. Synthesis of 4-(2,6-difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester



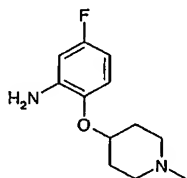
5 A mixture of 2,6-difluorobenzoic acid (6.32 g, 40.0 mmol), 4-amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (5.96 g, 38.4 mmol), EDC (8.83 g, 46.1 mmol) and HOBt (6.23 g, 46.1 mmol) in DMF (100 ml) was stirred at ambient temperature for 6 h. The mixture was reduced *in vacuo*, water added and the solid formed collected by filtration and air-dried to give 4-(2,6-difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester as the major component of a mixture (15.3 g). (LC/MS: R_t 3.11, $[M+H]^+$ 295.99).

165D. Synthesis of 4-(2,6-difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid



10 A mixture of 4-(2,6-difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (10.2 g) in 2 M aqueous NaOH/MeOH (1:1, 250 ml) was stirred at ambient temperature for 14 h. Volatile materials were removed *in vacuo*, water (300 ml) added and the mixture taken to pH 5 using 1M aqueous HCl. The resultant precipitate was collected by filtration and dried through azeotrope with toluene to afford 4-(2,6-difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid as a pink solid (5.70 g). (LC/MS: R_t 2.33, $[M+H]^+$ 267.96).

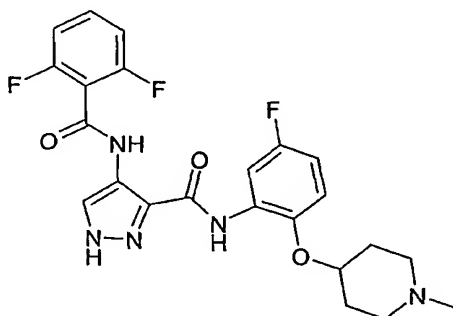
165E. Synthesis of 5-fluoro-2-(1-methyl-piperidin-4-yloxy)-phenylamine



3,4-Dinitrofluorobenzene (1.86 g, 10 mmol) and 4-hydroxy-1-methylpiperidine (1.38 g, 12 mmol) were dissolved in THF (20 ml) and stirred at ambient temperature while sodium hydride (60 % dispersion in mineral oil, 0.40 g, 10 mmol) was added in several small portions. The reaction mixture was stirred for one hour and then reduced *in vacuo*, partitioned between ethyl acetate and water, and the organic phase washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄) and reduced *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was subject to column chromatography, eluting with 5% MeOH / DCM to give a yellow solid (1.76 g, 2:1 ratio of 4-(3,4-dinitro-phenoxy)-1-methyl-piperidine and a 4-(4-fluoro-2-nitro-phenoxy)-1-methyl-piperidine).

A sample of the mixture of products obtained (0.562 g) was dissolved in DMF (10 ml) under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Palladium on carbon (10 %, 0.056 g) was added and the reaction mixture was shaken under a hydrogen atmosphere for 40 hours. The solids were removed by filtration and the filtrate reduced *in vacuo*, taken up in ethyl acetate, washed (saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution, then saturated aqueous brine), dried (MgSO₄) and reduced *in vacuo* to give 5-fluoro-2-(1-methyl-piperidin-4-yloxy)-phenylamine as a brown oil (0.049 g, 7 %). (¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD-d₄) δ 6.6 (m, 2H), 6.4 (m, 1H), 4.3 (m, 1H), 2.7 (m, 2H), 2.3 (m, 2H), 1.9 (m, 2H), 1.7 (m, 2H)).

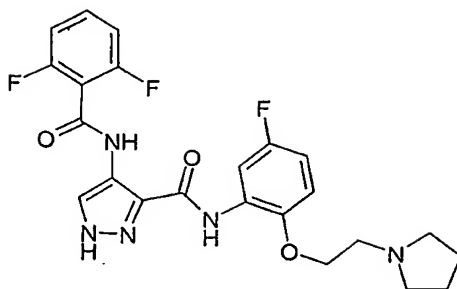
165F. Synthesis of 4-(2,6-Difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid [5-fluoro-2-(1-methyl-piperidin-4-yloxy)-phenyl]-amide



5-fluoro-2-(1-methyl-piperidin-4-yloxy)-phenylamine (0.049 g, 0.22 mmol) was combined with 4-(2,6-difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (0.053 g, 0.20 mmol), EDC (0.048 g, 0.25 mmol), HOBt (0.034 g, 0.25 mmol) and DMF (1 ml) and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 18 hours. The reaction mixture was reduced *in vacuo* and purified by preparative LC/MS to give 4-(2,6-Difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid [5-fluoro-2-(1-methyl-piperidin-4-yloxy)-phenyl]-amide as a buff solid. (0.010 g, 11 %) (LC/MS: R_t 2.19, [M+H]⁺ 474.27).

EXAMPLE 166

Synthesis of 4-(2,6-Difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid [5-fluoro-2-(2-pyrrolidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-amide



3,4-Dinitrofluorobenzene (0.93 g, 5 mmol) and 1-(2-hydroxyethylpyrrolidine) (0.69 g, 6 mmol) were dissolved in THF (10 ml) and stirred at ambient temperature while sodium hydride (60 % dispersion in mineral oil, 0.24 g, 6 mmol) was added in several small portions. The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 hours, diluted with ethyl acetate and the combined organics washed with water and brine, dried (MgSO₄) and reduced *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was subject to column chromatography, eluting with 5% MeOH / DCM to give an orange oil (0.94 g, 1:1 ratio of 1-[2-(3,4-dinitro-phenoxy)-ethyl]-pyrrolidine and 1-[2-(4-Fluoro-2-nitro-phenoxy)-ethyl]-pyrrolidine.

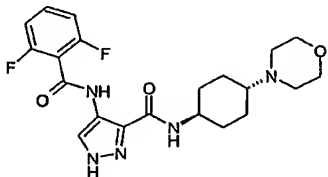
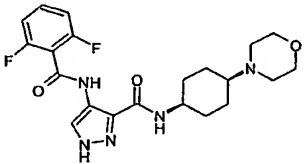
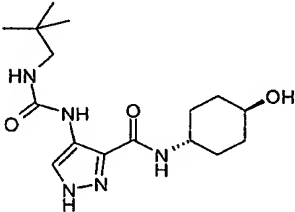
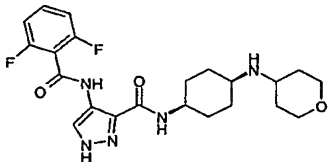
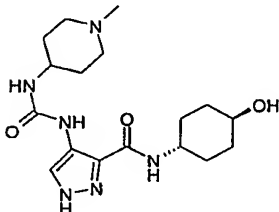
A sample of the mixture of products obtained (0.281 g) was dissolved in DMF (5 ml) under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Palladium on carbon (10 %, 0.028 g) was added and the reaction mixture was shaken under a hydrogen atmosphere for 20 hours. The solids were removed by filtration and the filtrate reduced *in vacuo* and combined with 4-(2,6-difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (0.134 g, 0.50 mmol), EDC (0.116 g, 0.60 mmol), HOBt (0.081 g, 0.60 mmol) and DMF (2.5 ml) and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 18 hours. The reaction mixture was reduced *in vacuo* and the residue partitioned between ethyl acetate (50 ml) and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (50 ml). The organic layer was washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄) and reduced *in vacuo* to give the intermediate amides. Acetic acid (10 ml) was added to the crude amide and the mixture was heated at reflux for 3 hours and then reduced *in vacuo*. 4-(2,6-Difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid [5-fluoro-2-(2-pyrrolidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-amide was isolated from the residue by preparative LC/MS as an off white solid (0.040 g, 5.6 %). (LC/MS: R_t 2.38, [M+H]⁺ 474.33).

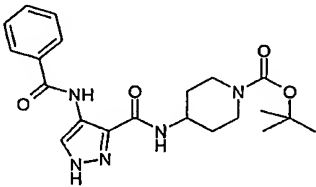
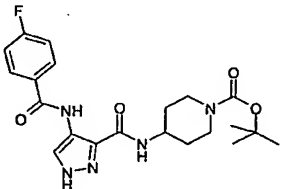
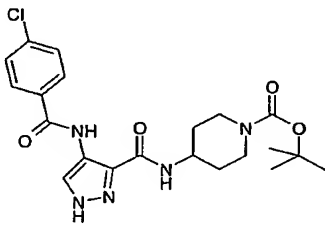
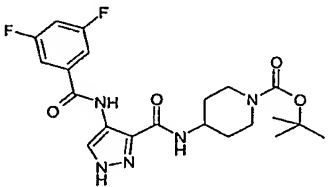
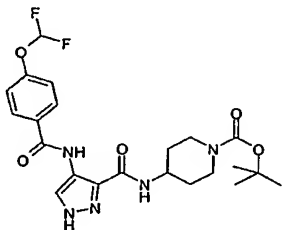
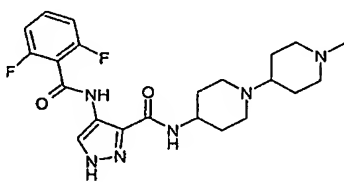
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By following the procedures described above, the compounds set out in Table 6 were prepared.

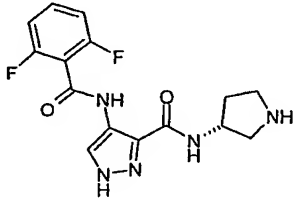
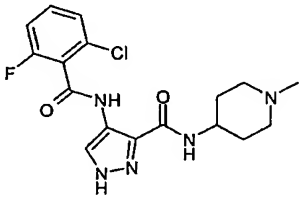
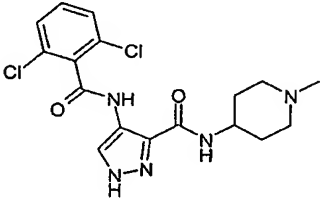
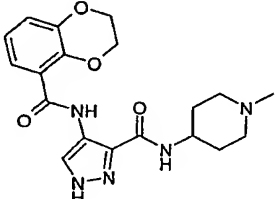
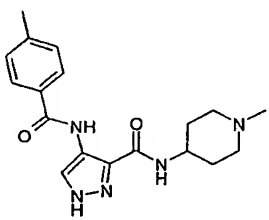
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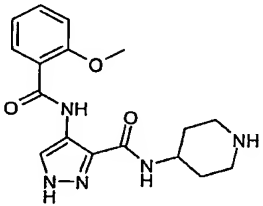
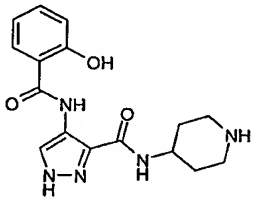
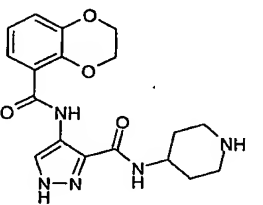
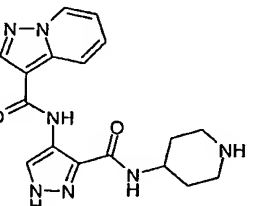
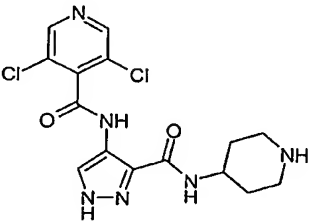
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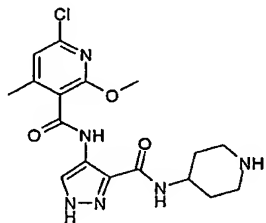
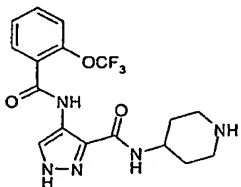
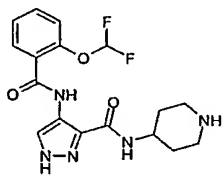
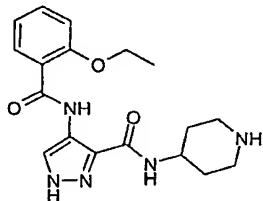
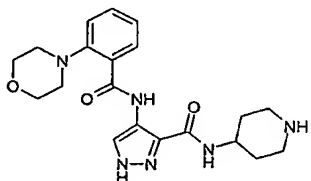
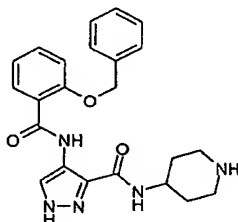
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167		A Starting amine prepared according to Procedure L	HOAt instead of HOBT DMSO as solvent instead of DMF Et ₃ N 2eq Purified by HPLC Cis/Trans Isomers separated after amine preparation (L)	[M+H] ⁺ 434 R _t 1.97
168		A Starting amine prepared according to Procedure L	HOAt instead of HOBT DMSO as solvent instead of DMF Et ₃ N 2 eq Purified by chromatography 10% MeOH/CH ₂ Cl ₂ Cis/Trans Isomers separated after amine preparation (L)	[M+H] ⁺ 434 R _t 2.03
169		Procedure D followed by G then E		[M+H] ⁺ 338 R _t 2.28
170		A Starting amine prepared according to Procedure L	DMSO as solvent instead of DMF Et ₃ N eq Heated 80°C for 4 hours then RT O/N Purified by HPLC Cis/Trans isomers separated after final step	[M+H] ⁺ 448 R _t 1.97
171		Procedure D followed by G then E		[M+H] ⁺ 365 R _t 0.34

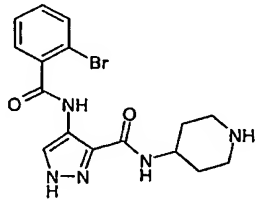
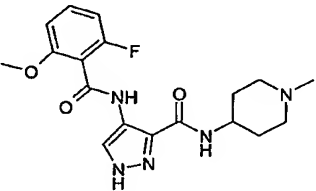
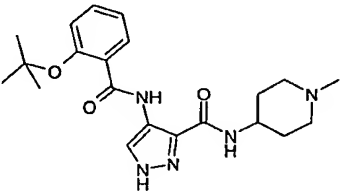
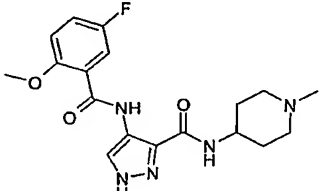
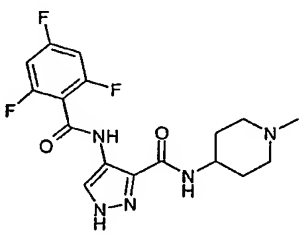
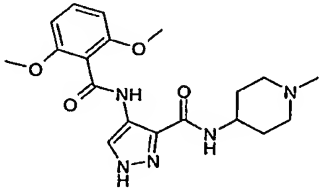
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172		B	Purified by column chromatography (pet. ether-EtOAc (1:1))	[M+H] ⁺ 414.13 R _t 3.05
173		B	Purified by column chromatography (pet. ether-EtOAc (1:1))	[M+H] ⁺ 432.12 R _t 3.12
174		B	Purified by column chromatography (pet. ether-EtOAc (1:1))	[M+H] ⁺ 448.06 R _t 3.33
175		B	Purified by column chromatography (pet. ether-EtOAc (1:1))	[M+H] ⁺ 450.08 R _t 3.29
176		B	Purified by column chromatography (pet. ether-EtOAc (1:1))	[M+H] ⁺ 480.05 R _t 3.18
177		A Starting amine prepared according to Procedure L	HOAt instead of HOBt DMSO as solvent instead of DMF Et ₃ N 2 eq Purified by HPLC and formation of HCl salt	[M+H] ⁺ 447 R _t 2.01

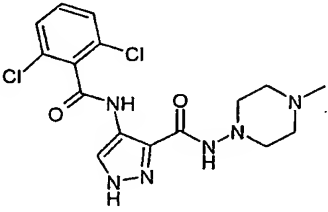
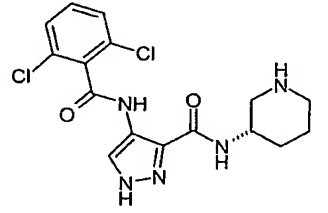
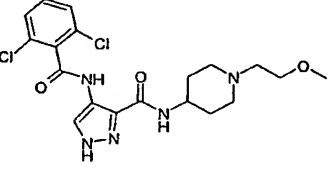
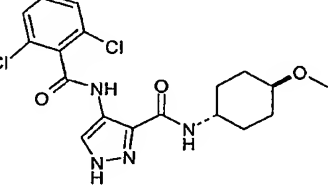
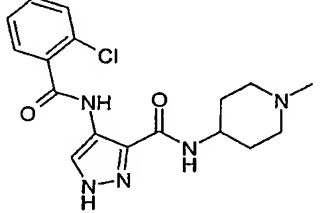
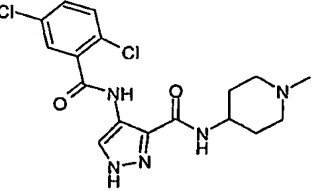
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178		B		[M+H] ⁺ 343.05 R _t 3.38 (polar method)
179		A Butyl-piperidin-4-ylamine prepared by Procedure N	HOAt instead of HOBT Purified by trituration with MeOH	[M+H] ⁺ 406 R _t 1.85
180		B		[M+H] ⁺ 371.09 R _t 3.27 (polar method)
181		B		[M+H] ⁺ 306.06 R _t 1.53
182		B		[M+H] ⁺ 403.98 R _t 2.78
183		B		[M+H] ⁺ 345.05 R _t 3.03
184		B		[M+H] ⁺ 280.05 R _t 3.75 (basic method)

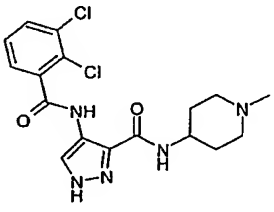
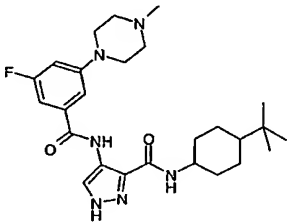
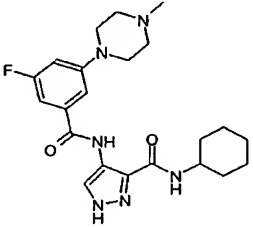
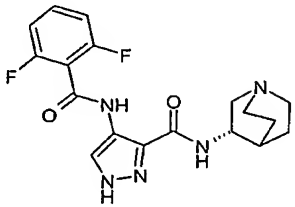
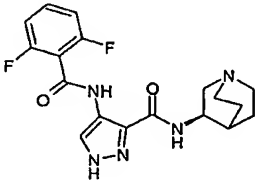
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185		A	HOAt instead of HOBT followed by EtOAc/HCl deprotection	[M+H] ⁺ 336 R _t 1.67
186		A		[M+H] ⁺ 380.05 R _t 1.78
187		A		[M+H] ⁺ 396.02 R _t 1.86
188		A		[M+H] ⁺ 386.10 R _t 1.88
189		A		[M+H] ⁺ 342.10 R _t 1.95

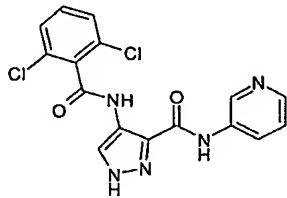
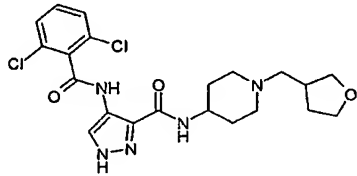
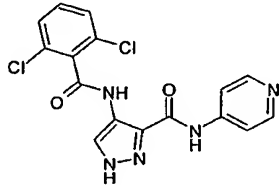
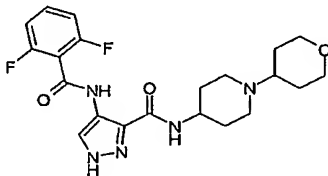
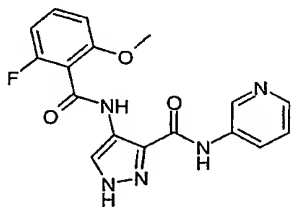
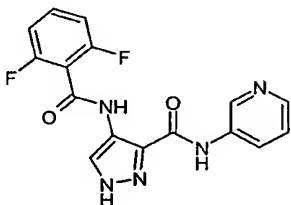
Example No.	Structure	Method	Differences	LCMS
190		M		$[M+H]^+ = 344$ $R_t = 1.87$
191		M		$[M+H]^+ = 330$ $R_t = 1.80$
192		M		$[M+H]^+ = 372$ $R_t = 1.87$
193		M		$[M+H]^+ = 354$ $R_t = 1.77$
194		M	Purified by flash chromatography eluting with dichloromethane 120ml, methanol 15, acetic acid 3ml, water 2ml (DMAW 120)	$[M+H]^+ = 383 / 385$ $R_t = 1.72$

Example No.	Structure	Method	Differences	LCMS
195		M	Purified by flash chromatography eluting with DMAW 120	$[M+H]^+ = 393 / 395$ $R_t = 1.86$
196		M		$[M+H]^+ = 398$ $R_t = 1.94$
197		M		$[M+H]^+ = 330$ $R_t = 1.80$
198		M		$[M+H]^+ = 358$ $R_t = 1.89$
199		M		$[M+H]^+ = 399$ $R_t = 1.88$
200		M		$[M+H]^+ = 420$ $R_t = 2.13$

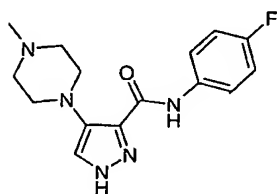
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201		M		$[M+H]^+ = 392 / 394$ $R_t = 1.84$
202		B	Purified using flash chromatography (CH ₂ Cl ₂ -MeOH-AcOH-H ₂ O (90:18:3:2))	$[M+H]^+ 376.14$ $R_t 1.78$
203		B	Purified using flash chromatography (CH ₂ Cl ₂ -MeOH-AcOH-H ₂ O (90:18:3:2))	$[M+H]^+ 400.17$ $R_t 2.08$
204		B	Purified using flash chromatography (CH ₂ Cl ₂ -MeOH-AcOH-H ₂ O (90:18:3:2))	$[M+H]^+ 376.15$ $R_t 1.92$
205		B	Purified using column chromatography (CH ₂ Cl ₂ -MeOH-AcOH-H ₂ O (90:18:3:2))	$[M+H]^+ 382.12$ $R_t 1.77$
206		B	Purified using column chromatography (CH ₂ Cl ₂ -MeOH-AcOH-H ₂ O (90:18:3:2))	$[M+H]^+ 388.18$ $R_t 1.73$

Example No.	Structure	Method	Differences	LCMS
207		A	Purified by flash chromatography eluting with DMAW 120	$[M+H]^+ = 397 / 399$ $R_t = 1.83$
208		A	Coupling using (S)-3-amino-1-N-BOC-piperidine. Deprotection as procedure M. Purified using column chromatography (CH ₂ Cl ₂ -MeOH-AcOH-H ₂ O (90:18:3:2))	$[M+H]^+ 382.02$ $R_t 1.82$
209		A		$[M+H]^+ 440.22$ $R_t 1.92$
210		A		$[M+H]^+ 411.20$ $R_t 2.97$
211		A	Purified by prep. LCMS after work-up	$[M+H]^+ 362.11$ $R_t 1.91$
212		A	Purified by prep. LCMS after work-up	$[M+H]^+ 396.08$ $R_t 2.06$

Example No.	Structure	Method	Differences	LCMS
213		A	Purified by prep. LCMS after work-up	$[M+H]^+$ 396.06 R_t 2.04
214		B	The mixture was reduced <i>in vacuo</i> , the residue taken up in EtOAc and washed successively with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate, water and brine. The organic portion was dried (MgSO ₄) and reduced <i>in vacuo</i> to give the desired product	$[M+H]^+$ 485 R_t 2.59
215		B	The mixture was reduced <i>in vacuo</i> , the residue taken up in EtOAc and washed successively with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate, water and brine. The organic portion was dried (MgSO ₄) and reduced <i>in vacuo</i> to give the desired product	$[M+H]^+$ 429 R_t 2.25
216		A	Purified by flash chromatography eluting with DMAW 120	$[M+H]^+$ = 376 R_t = 1.85
217		A	Purified by flash chromatography eluting with DMAW 120	$[M+H]^+$ = 376 R_t = 1.87

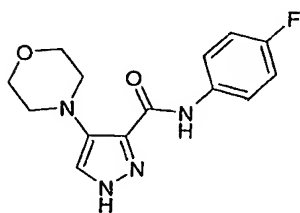
Example No.	Structure	Method	Differences	LCMS
218		A	Purified by flash chromatography eluting with 5% then 10% MeOH / DCM	$[M+H]^+ = 376 / 378$ $R_t = 2.23$
219		A Starting amine prepared according to Procedure L	Purified by flash chromatography eluting with DMAW 90	$[M+H]^+ = 466 / 468$ $R_t = 1.98$
220		A	Purified by flash chromatography eluting with 5% then 10% MeOH / DCM	$[M+H]^+ = 376 / 378$ $R_t = 2.09$
221		A Starting amine prepared according to Procedure L	Purified by flash chromatography eluting with DMAW 90	$[M+H]^+ = 434$ $R_t = 1.82$
222		A	Purified by flash chromatography eluting with 5% then 10% MeOH / DCM	$[M+H]^+ = 356$ $R_t = 2.11$
223		A	Purified by flash chromatography eluting with 5% then 10% MeOH / DCM	$[M+H]^+ = 344$ $R_t = 2.09$

EXAMPLE 224

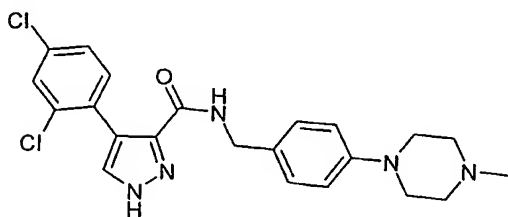
4-(4-Methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide

5 Bis(2-chloroethyl)methylamine hydrochloride (97mg; 0.5mmol) was added to a stirred solution of 4-amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide (100mg; 0.45mmol), tetrabutylammonium iodide (20mg; 0.045mmol) and diisopropylethylamine (200ul) 1.13mmol in DMF (5ml), and the resulting mixture was heated at 200°C (100W) for 30 minutes in a CEM Discover™ microwave synthesiser. The DMF was removed under vacuum, then purified by flash column chromatography, eluting with dichloromethane / methanol / acetic acid / water (90:18:3:2). Product containing fractions were combined and evaporated, treated with HCl in ethyl acetate and then re-evaporated with toluene (2x20ml) to give an off white solid (27mg). (LC/MS: R_t 1.64, $[M+H]^+$ 378).

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EXAMPLE 2254-Morpholin-4-yl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide

15 The compound was prepared in a manner analogous to Example 224, but using bis(2-chloroethyl)ether in place of bis(2-chloroethyl)methylamine hydrochloride. (LC/MS: R_t 2.48 $[M+H]^+$ 291).

EXAMPLE 2264-(2,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid 4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-benzylamide226A. Preparation of 4-(2,4-dichloro-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid

20 A solution of 4-(2,4-dichloro-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (205 mg; 0.72 mmol) and lithium hydroxide monohydrate (125 mg; 2.9 mmol) in 1:1 THF/water (10 ml) was heated at 60 °C overnight. The THF

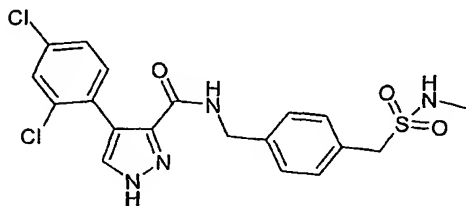
was removed by evaporation, the aqueous phase acidified with 1M hydrochloric acid then extracted with ethyl acetate (20 ml). The ethyl acetate layer was dried (MgSO_4), filtered and evaporated to give 200 mg of 4-(2,4-dichloro-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid. (LC/MS: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 256.85).

226B. Preparation of 4-(2,4-dichloro-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid 4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-benzylamide

A solution of 4-(2,4-dichloro-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (70 mg; 0.27 mmol), 4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-benzylamine (62 mg; 0.3 mmol), EDAC (63 mg; 0.33 mmol) and HOBt (45 mg; 0.33 mmol) in 5 ml of DMF was stirred at room temperature for 48 hours. The reaction was evaporated and the residue partitioned between ethyl acetate and brine. The ethyl acetate layer was separated, dried (MgSO_4), filtered, evaporated then dried further under vacuum to give 34 mg of 4-(2,4-dichloro-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid 4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-benzylamide. (LC/MS: R_t 2.42 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 444).

EXAMPLE 227

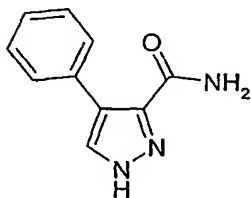
4-(2,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid 4-methylsulphamoylmethyl-benzylamide



The title compound was prepared in a manner analogous to Example 226, but using (4-aminomethyl-phenyl)-N-methyl-methanesulphonamide as the starting material. 6 mg of product were isolated as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 3.56 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 440).

EXAMPLE 228

4-Phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid amide



228A. 2-Benzylidene-but-3-yne nitrile

To a solution of benzaldehyde (2 g; 18.9 mmol) and malononitrile (1.37 g; 20.7 mmol) in ethanol (40 ml) was added 5 drops of piperidine and the mixture was heated at reflux overnight. The reaction was cooled, evaporated then purified by flash column chromatography eluting with 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane and the product containing fractions combined and evaporated to give 930 mg of 2-benzylidene-but-3-yne nitrile.

228B. 4-phenyl-5-trimethylsilanyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carbonitrile

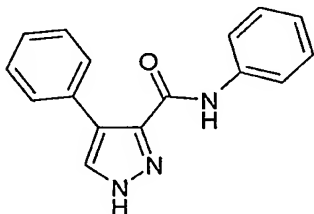
n-Butyl lithium (2.7 M solution in heptane) (3.3 ml, 9 mmol) was added drop wise to a stirred solution of trimethylsilyl diazomethane (2 M solution in diethyl ether) (4.5 ml, 9 mmol) in anhydrous THF (10 ml) at -78°C under a nitrogen atmosphere, then stirred for a further 30 minutes. To this was added drop wise a solution of 2-benzylidene-but-3-yne nitrile (920 mg; 6 mmol) in anhydrous THF (5 ml), the mixture stirred for 30 minutes at -78°C then gradually allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (30 ml) then washed with saturated ammonium chloride solution followed by brine. The ethyl acetate layer was separated, dried (MgSO_4), filtered and evaporated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography eluting with 1:8 then 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane and the product containing fractions combined and evaporated to give 1.0 g of 4-phenyl-5-trimethylsilyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carbonitrile.

10 228C. 4-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid amide

4-Phenyl-5-trimethylsilyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carbonitrile (500 mg; 2.1 mmol) was dissolved in 1 ml of ethanol, treated with potassium hydroxide (600 mg) in water (3 ml) then heated at 150°C (100 W) for 30 minutes then 170°C (100 W) for 20 minutes in a CEM DiscoverTM microwave synthesiser. The reaction mixture was acidified to pH1 with concentrated hydrochloric acid, diluted with water (40 ml) then extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 40 ml). The combined ethyl acetate layers were separated, dried (MgSO_4), filtered and evaporated to give a 3:1 mixture of 4-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid and 4-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid amide. A 50 mg batch of the crude material was purified by flash column chromatography eluting with 5% methanol/dichloromethane, and the product containing fractions combined and evaporated to give 15 mg of 4-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid amide as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 2.15 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 188).

20 EXAMPLE 229

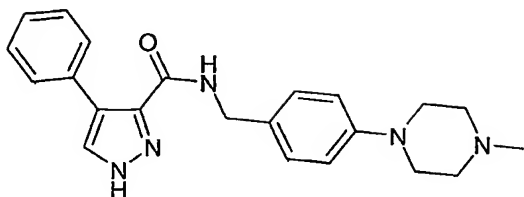
4-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide



A solution of 4-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (75 mg; 0.4 mmol) (prepared according to Example 228C), aniline (45 μl ; 0.48 mmol), EDAC (92 mg; 0.48 mmol) and HOBt (65 mg; 0.48 mmol) in 5 ml of DMF was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction was evaporated then purified by flash column chromatography eluting with 1:3 then 1:2 ethyl acetate/hexane. Product containing fractions were combined and evaporated to give 30 mg of 4-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 3.12 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 264).

EXAMPLE 230

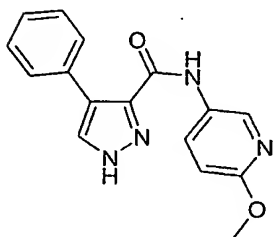
30 4-Phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid 4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-benzylamide



The compound was prepared in a manner analogous to Example 229, but using 4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-benzylamine as the starting material. 6 mg of product were isolated as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 2.05 $[M+H]^+$ 376).

5 EXAMPLE 231

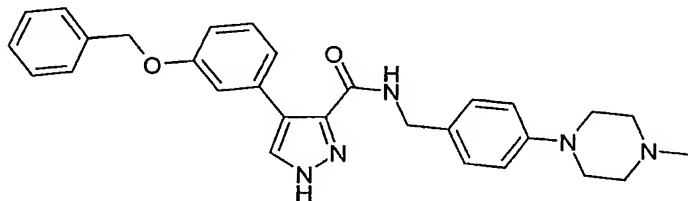
4-Phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl) amide



The compound was prepared in a manner analogous to Example 230, but using 3-amino-6-methoxypyridine as the amine fragment. 100 mg of product were isolated as a pale brown solid. (LC/MS: R_t 3.17 $[M+H]^+$ 295).

10 EXAMPLE 232

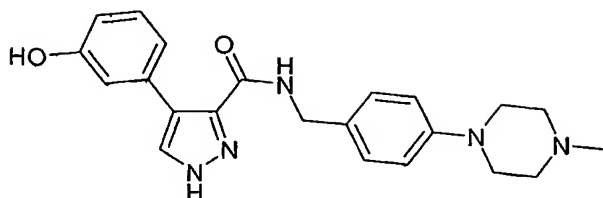
4-(3-Benzyloxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid 4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-benzylamide



The compound was prepared in a manner analogous to Example 226. The product was isolated as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 2.65 $[M+H]^+$ 482).

15 EXAMPLE 233

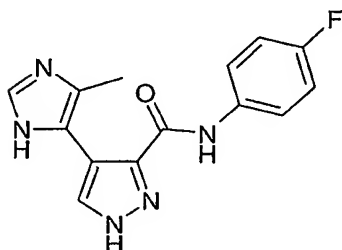
4-(3-Hydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid 4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-benzylamide



A solution of 4-(3-benzyloxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid 4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-benzylamide (25 mg; 0.05mmol) in methanol (5 ml), was treated with 10% palladium on carbon (10 mg) then hydrogenated at room temperature and pressure overnight. The catalyst was removed by filtration through Celite and the filtrate evaporated. Purification by preparative LC/MS gave 8 mg of the required product as a cream solid. (LC/MS: R_t 1.67 $[M+H]^+$ 392).

EXAMPLE 234

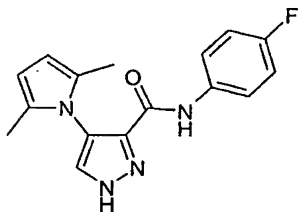
4-(5-Methyl-3H-imidazol-4-yl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



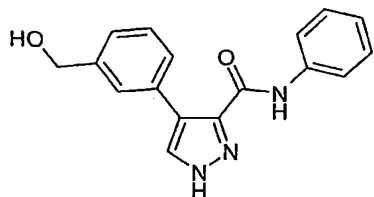
The compound was prepared in a manner analogous to Example 226, but using 4-methyl-5-formylimidazole as the starting material in the condensation step. The product (6 mg) was isolated as a white solid. (LC/MS: R_t 2.00 $[M+H]^+$ 286).

EXAMPLE 235

4-(2,5-Dimethyl-pyrrol-1-yl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



A mixture of 4-amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide (100 mg) and Montmorillonite KSF clay (100 mg) in acetonylacetone (1 ml) was heated at 120 °C (50 W) for 15 minutes in a CEM discover microwave synthesiser. The reaction mixture was diluted with 5% methanol/dichloromethane, filtered and evaporated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography eluting with 1:2 ethyl acetate/hexane, and the product containing fractions were combined and evaporated to give 65 mg of the target molecule as a pale brown solid. (LC/MS: R_t 3.75 $[M+H]^+$ 299).

EXAMPLE 2364-(3-Hydroxymethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide236A. 4-iodo-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide

- 5 An aqueous solution of sodium nitrite (760 mg) in 2 ml of water was added drop wise to a stirred suspension of 4-amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide (2 g; 10 mmol) in concentrated hydrochloric acid (20 ml) at 0 °C, then stirred at 0 °C for a further 60 minutes. The reaction mixture was diluted with acetone (10 ml) then treated with potassium iodide (1.8 g) and copper (I) iodide (2.1 g) and stirred at room temperature for 90 minutes. The reaction mixture was diluted with brine and ethyl acetate then washed with saturated sodium
- 10 thiosulphate solution. The ethyl acetate layer was separated, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and evaporated to give 680 mg of 4-iodo-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide.

236B. 4-iodo-1-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide

- A solution of 4-iodo-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide (670 mg; 2.14 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 ml) was treated with potassium carbonate (360 mg; 2.57mmol)) followed by 4-methoxybenzyl chloride (320 µl; 2.35
- 15 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight then evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate and brine; the ethyl acetate layer was separated, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and evaporated. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography eluting with 1:3 ethyl acetate/hexane and the product containing fractions combined and evaporated to give 660 mg of 4-iodo-1-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide.

20 236C. 4-(3-hydroxymethyl-phenyl)-1-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide

- A mixture of 4-iodo-1-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide (50 mg; 0.11 mmol), bis(tri-tert-butylphosphine)palladium (12 mg), potassium carbonate (100 mg; 0.66 mmol) and 3-(hydroxymethyl)benzene boronic acid (21mg; 0.14mmol) in ethanol/toluene/water (4 ml:1 ml:1 ml) was heated at 120 °C (50 W) for 15 minutes in a CEM Discover microwave synthesiser. The reaction was evaporated and the
- 25 residue partitioned between ethyl acetate and brine. The ethyl acetate layer was separated, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and evaporated and the crude material purified by flash column chromatography eluting with 1:2 then 2:1 ethyl acetate/hexane. Product containing fractions were combined and evaporated to give 60 mg of 4-(3-hydroxymethyl-phenyl)-1-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide.

236D. 4-(3-Hydroxymethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide

- 30 A mixture of 4-(3-hydroxymethyl-phenyl)-1-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide (20 mg) and anisole (20 µl) in trifluoroacetic acid (1 ml) was heated at 120 °C (50 W) for 15 minutes in a CEM Discover microwave synthesiser. The reaction was evaporated then purified by flash column chromatography

eluting with 2:1 ethyl acetate/hexane. Product containing fractions were combined and evaporated to give 5 mg of product. (LC/MS: R_t 2.55 $[M+H]^+$ 294).

EXAMPLE 237

Preparation of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide hydrochloride

5 237A. 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid

2,6-dichlorobenzoyl chloride (8.2 g; 39.05 mmol) was added cautiously to a solution of 4-amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid methyl ester (prepared in a manner analogous to 165B) (5 g; 35.5 mmol) and triethylamine (5.95 ml; 42.6 mmol) in dioxan (50 ml) then stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate treated with methanol (50 ml) and 2M sodium hydroxide solution (100 ml), heated at 50 °C for 4 hours, and then evaporated. 100 ml of water was added to the residue then acidified with concentrated hydrochloric acid. The solid was collected by filtration, washed with water (100 ml) and sucked dry to give 10.05 g of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid as a pale violet solid.

237B. 4-[[4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carbonyl]-amino]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester

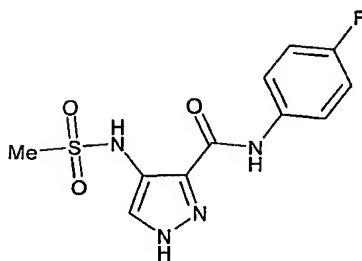
15 A mixture of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (6.5 g, 21.6 mmol), 4-amino-1-BOC-piperidine (4.76 g, 23.8 mmol), EDC (5.0 g, 25.9 mmol) and HOBt (3.5 g, 25.9 mmol) in DMF (75 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 20 hours. The reaction mixture was reduced *in vacuo* and the residue partitioned between ethyl acetate (100 ml) and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (100 ml). The organic layer was washed with brine, dried ($MgSO_4$) and reduced *in vacuo*. The residue was taken up in 5 %
20 MeOH-DCM (~30 ml). The insoluble material was collected by filtration and, washed with DCM and dried *in vacuo* to give 4-[[4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carbonyl]-amino]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (5.38 g) as a white solid. The filtrate was reduced *in vacuo* and the residue purified by column chromatography using gradient elution 1:2 EtOAc / hexane to EtOAc to give further 4-[[4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carbonyl]-amino]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (2.54 g) as a white
25 solid.

237C. 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide

A solution of 4-[[4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carbonyl]-amino]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (7.9 g) in MeOH (50 mL) and EtOAc (50ml) was treated with sat. HCl-EtOAc (40 mL) then stirred at r.t. overnight. The product did not crystallise due to the presence of methanol, and therefore the reaction
30 mixture was evaporated and the residue triturated with EtOAc. The resulting off white solid was collected by filtration, washed with EtOAc and sucked dry on the sinter to give 6.3g of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide as the hydrochloride salt. (LC/MS: R_t 5.89, $[M+H]^+$ 382 / 384).

EXAMPLE 238

4-Methanesulfonylamino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide



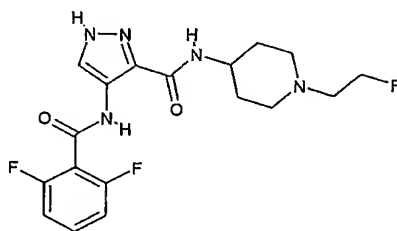
A solution of 4-amino-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluorophenyl)-amide (50mg) (Example 2B) and methanesulphonic anhydride (45mg) in pyridine (1ml) was stirred at room temperature overnight then evaporated and purified by flash column chromatography eluting with 2:1 EtOAc / hexane. Evaporation of product containing fractions gave 20mg of the title compound. (LC/MS: Rt 2.87; [M+H⁺] 299).

EXAMPLES 239 TO 245

The compounds of Examples 239 to 245 were prepared using the methods described above or methods closely analogous thereto.

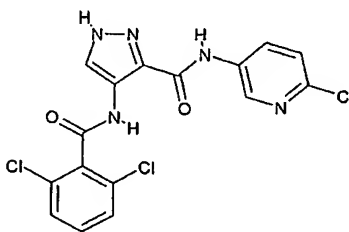
EXAMPLE 239

10 4-(2,6-Difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid [1-(2-fluoro-ethyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-amide



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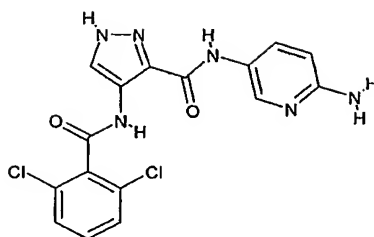
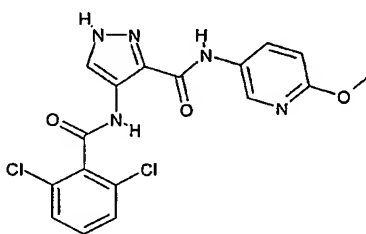
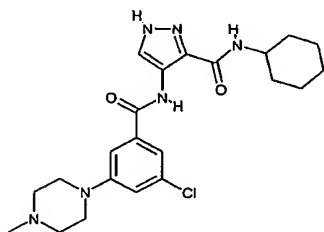
4-(2,6-Dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (6-chloro-pyridin-3-yl)-amide



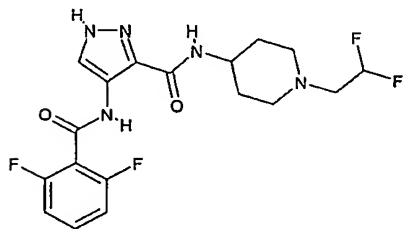
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4-(2,6-Dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (6-amino-pyridin-3-yl)-amide

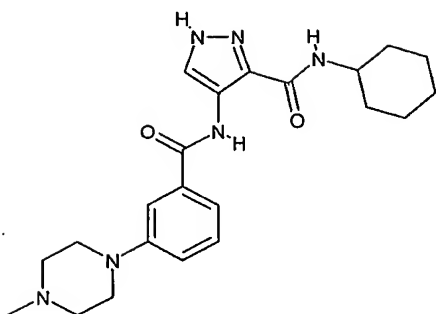
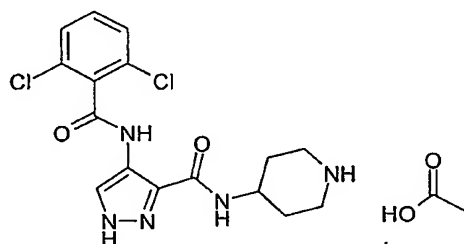
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**EXAMPLE 242**4-((2,6-Dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-amide**5 EXAMPLE 243**4-[[3-Chloro-5-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-benzoylamino]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid cyclohexylamide**EXAMPLE 244**4-((2,6-Difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid [1-(2,2-difluoro-ethyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-amide

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**EXAMPLE 245**4-[[3-(4-Methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-benzoylamino]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid cyclohexylamide

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**EXAMPLE 246**Preparation of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide acetic acid salt

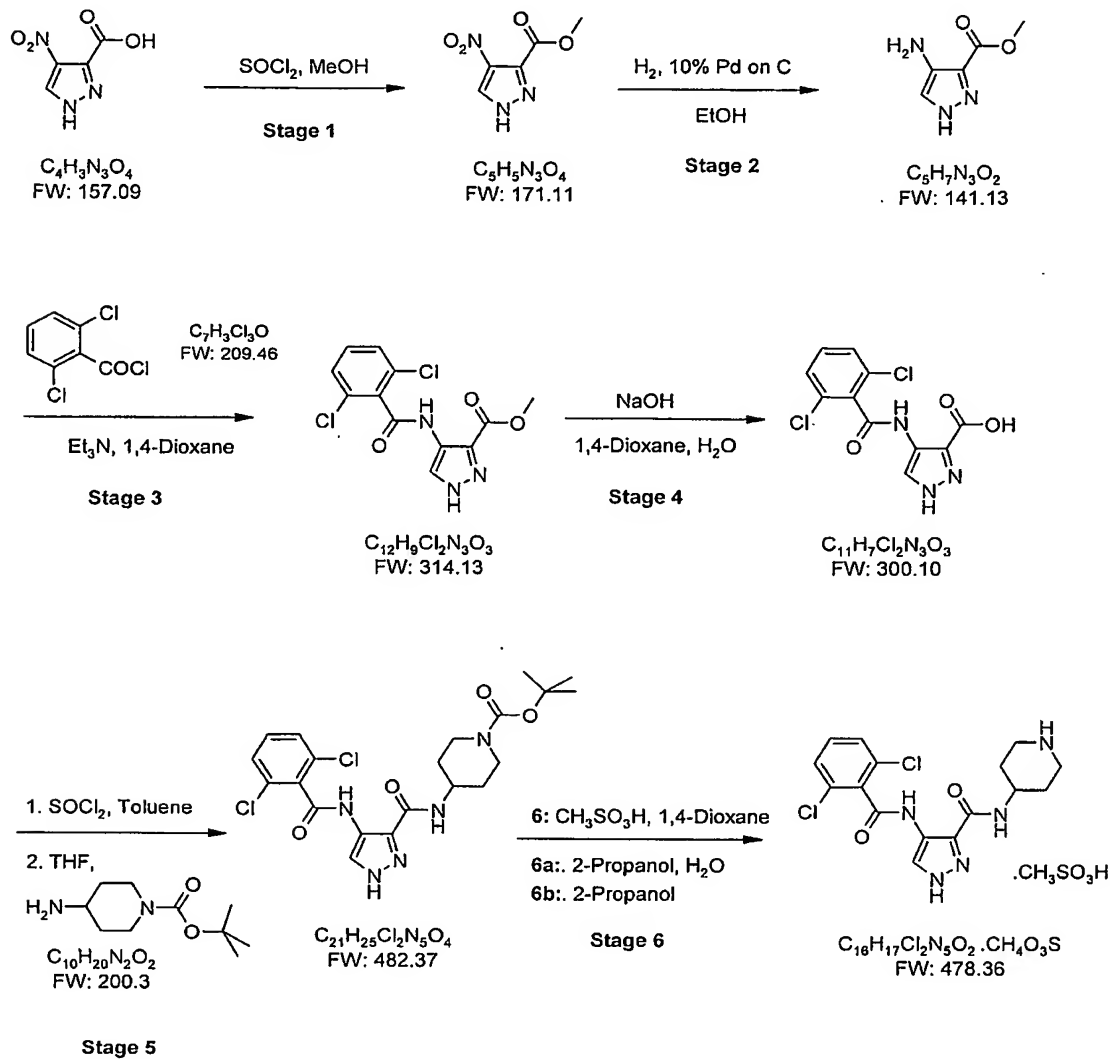
- 5 To a solution of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide hydrochloride salt (Example (237C) 20.6 g, 50 mmol) in water (500 ml) stirring at ambient temperature was added sodium bicarbonate (4.5 g, 53.5 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 1 hour and the solid formed collected by filtration and dried *in vacuo* azeotroping with toluene (x 3) to give the corresponding free base of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide.
- 10 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.20 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.25 (d, 1H), 7.60 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 3.70 (m, 1H), 3.00 (d, 2H), 2.50 (m, 2H), 1.70 (d, 2H), 1.50 (m, 2H).

- To a stirred suspension of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide (10.0 g, 26.2 mmol) in methanol (150 ml) was added glacial acetic acid (15 ml, 262 mmol) at ambient temperature. After 1 h, a clear solution was obtained which was reduced *in vacuo* azeotroping with toluene (x 2). The residue was then triturated with acetonitrile (2 x 100 ml) and the solid dried *in vacuo* to give 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide acetic acid salt (10.3 g) as a white solid.
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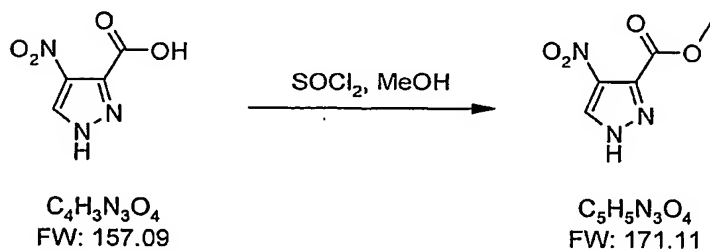
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.20 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 3.85 (m, 1H), 3.00 (d, 2H), 2.60 (t, 2H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 1.70 (d, 2H), 1.55 (m, 2H)

EXAMPLE 247Synthesis of the methanesulphonic acid salt of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide

The methane sulphonic acid salt of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide may be prepared by the synthetic route shown in the Scheme below.

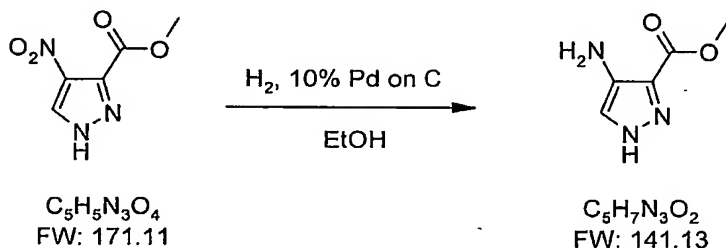


Stage 1: Preparation of 4-nitro-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid methyl ester



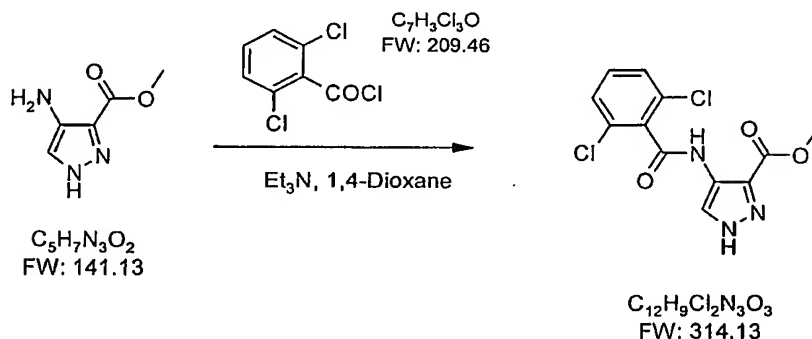
- 5 A 20 L reaction vessel equipped with a digital thermometer and stirrer was charged with 4-nitro-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (1.117 Kg, 7.11 mol, 1 wt) and methanol (8.950 L, 8 vol). The reaction mixture was stirred under nitrogen, cooled to 0 to 5 °C, thionyl chloride (0.581 L, 8.0 mol, 0.52 vol) added over 180 minutes and the resultant mixture allowed to warm to and stir at 18 to 22 °C overnight, after which time ¹H NMR analysis (d₆-DMSO) indicated reaction completion. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure at 40 to 45 °C, the residue treated with toluene and re-concentrated (3x 2.250 L, 3x 2vol) under reduced pressure at 40 to 45 °C to give 4-nitro-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid methyl ester as an off-white solid (1.210 Kg, 99.5%).

Stage 2: Preparation of 4-amino-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid methyl ester



- 10 A 20 L reaction vessel equipped with a digital thermometer and stirrer was charged with palladium on carbon (10% wet paste, 0.170 Kg, 0.14 wt) under nitrogen. In a separate vessel a slurry of 4-nitro-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid methyl ester (1.210 Kg, 7.07 mol, 1 wt) in ethanol (12.10 L, 10 vol) was warmed to 30 to 35 °C to effect dissolution and the solution added to the catalyst under nitrogen. Following a nitrogen-hydrogen purge sequence an atmosphere of hydrogen was introduced and the reaction mixture maintained at 28 to 30 °C until
- 15 reaction completion (5 to 10 hours) was noted by ¹H NMR analysis (d₆-DMSO). Following a purge cycle, the reaction mixture under nitrogen was filtered and the liquors concentrated under reduced pressure to give 4-amino-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid methyl ester (0.987 Kg, 98.9%).

Stage 3: Preparation of 4-(2,6-dichlorobenzoylamino)-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid methyl ester

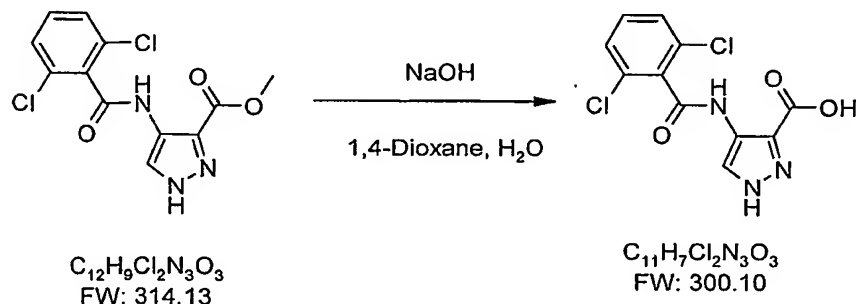


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A solution of 4-amino-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid methyl ester (0.634 Kg, 4.49 mol, 1 wt) in 1,4-dioxane (8.90 L, 9 vol) under nitrogen was treated with triethylamine (0.761 L, 5.46 mol, 1.2 vol) followed by 2,6-dichlorobenzoyl chloride (0.710 L, 4.96 mol, 0.72 vol) such that the internal temperature was maintained in the range 20 to 25 °C. Residual 2,6-dichlorobenzoyl chloride was washed in with a line rinse of 1,4-dioxane (0.990

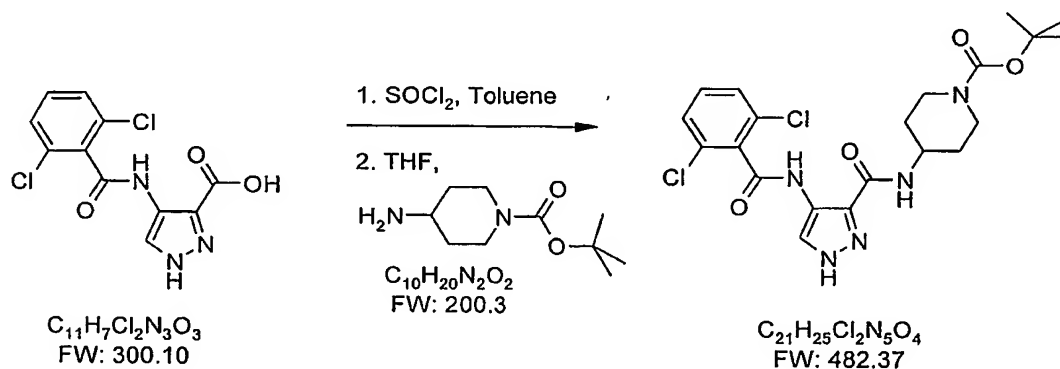
L, 1 vol) and the reaction mixture stirred at 18 to 25° C until complete (16 hours) by TLC analysis (eluent: ethyl acetate: heptanes 3:1; $R_{f \text{ amine}}$ 0.25, $R_{f \text{ product}}$ 0.65). The reaction mixture was filtered, the filter-cake washed with 1,4-dioxane (2x 0.990 L, 2x 1 vol) and the combined filtrates (red) progressed to Stage 4 without further isolation.

5 Stage 4: Preparation of 4-(2,6-dichlorobenzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid



To a solution of sodium hydroxide (0.484 Kg, 12.1 mol) in water (6.05 L) was charged a solution of the Stage 3 ester in one portion: (1.099 Kg, 3.50 mol in 6.00 L). The reaction mixture was stirred to completion at 20 to 25 °C as determined by TLC analysis (eluent: ethyl acetate: heptanes 3:1; $R_{f \text{ ester}}$ 0.65, $R_{f \text{ Stage 4}}$ baseline). The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure at 45 to 50 °C, the oily residue diluted with water (9.90 L) and acidified to pH 1 with concentrated hydrochloric acid such that the temperature was maintained below 30 °C. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water (5.00 L), pulled dry on the filter and subsequently washed with heptanes (5.00 L). The filter-cake was charged to a 20 L rotary evaporator flask and drying completed azeotropically with toluene (2x 4.50 L) to afford 4-(2,6-dichlorobenzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid as a yellow solid (1.044 Kg, approx. 99.5%).

Stage 5: Preparation of 4-([4-(2,6-dichlorobenzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carbonyl]amino)piperidine-1-carboxylic acid *tert*-butyl ester

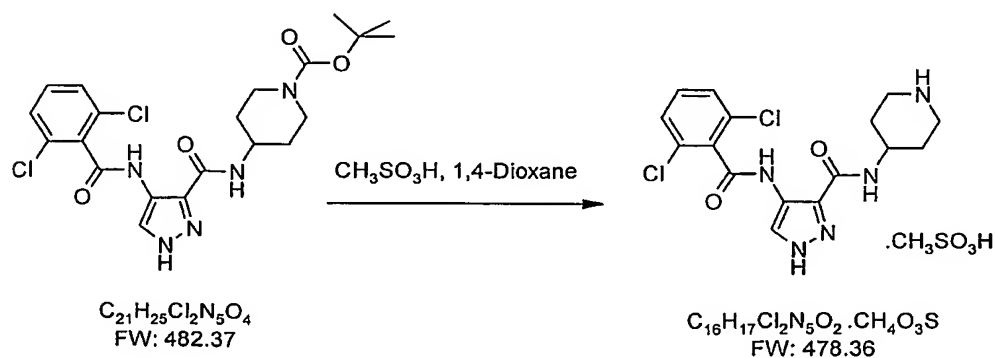


Stage 4 product (1.0 wt) and toluene (10.0 vol) were charged to a suitably sized flange flask equipped with a mechanical stirrer, dropping funnel and thermometer. The contents were stirred under nitrogen at 16 to 25 °C and thionyl chloride (0.3 vol) was added slowly. The contents were then heated to 80 to 100 °C and stirred at this temperature until the reaction was judged complete by ^1H NMR. Further toluene (up to 10 vol) could be

added at this stage if the contents were to become too thick to stir. Once complete, the mixture was cooled to between 40 and 50 °C and then concentrated under vacuum at 45 to 50 °C to dryness. The residue was then azeo-dried with toluene (3x 2.0 vol).

- 5 The isolated solid was transferred to a suitably sized flask and tetrahydrofuran (5.0 vol) was charged. The contents were stirred under nitrogen at 16 to 25 °C and triethylamine (0.512 vol) was added. To a separate flask was charged 4-amino-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid *tert*-butyl ester (0.704 wt) and tetrahydrofuran (5.0 vol). The contents were agitated until complete dissolution was achieved and the solution was then charged to the reaction flask, maintaining the temperature between 16 and 30 °C. The reaction mixture was then heated to between 45 and 50 °C and the contents stirred until judged complete by ¹H NMR. The contents were then cooled to between 16 and 25 °C and water (5.0 vol) was charged. Mixed heptanes (0.5 vol) were added, the contents were stirred for up to 10 minutes and the layers were separated. The aqueous phase was then extracted with tetrahydrofuran:mixed heptanes [(9:1), 3x 5.0 vol]. The organic phases were combined, washed with water (2.5 vol) and then concentrated under vacuum at 40 to 45 °C. The residue was azeotroped with toluene (3x 5.0 vol) and concentrated to dryness to yield the crude Stage 5 product.
- 15 The solid was then transferred to a suitably sized flask, methanol: toluene [(2.5:97.5), 5.0 vol] was added and the slurry was stirred under nitrogen for 3 to 18 hours. The contents were filtered, the filter-cake was washed with toluene (2x 0.7 vol) and the solid was then dried under vacuum at 40 to 50 °C to yield 4-[[4-(2,6-dichlorobenzoylamino)-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carbonyl]amino]piperidine-1-carboxylic acid *tert*-butyl ester as an off-white solid.
- 20 Two batches of Stage 4 product (0.831 kg per batch) were processed in this way to give a total of 2.366 kg (88.6% yield) of 4-[[4-(2,6-dichlorobenzoylamino)-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carbonyl]amino]piperidine-1-carboxylic acid *tert*-butyl ester.

Stage 6: Preparation of 4-(2,6-dichlorobenzoylamino)-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide methanesulphonate



- Stage 5 product (1.0 wt) and 1,4-dioxane (30.0 vol) were charged to a suitably sized flange flask equipped with a mechanical stirrer, dropping funnel and thermometer. The contents were stirred under nitrogen and heated to between 80 and 90 °C. Methanesulphonic acid (0.54 vol) was added over 30 to 60 minutes and the contents were then heated to 95 to 105 °C and stirred in this temperature range until the reaction was judged complete by ¹H NMR. Once complete, the contents were cooled to between 20 and 30 °C and the resultant precipitate
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collected by filtration. The filter-cake was washed with 2-propanol (2x 2.0 vol) and pulled dry on the filter for 3 to 24 hours to give crude 4-(2,6-dichlorobenzoylamino)-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide methanesulphonate as a free-flowing off-white solid (80.0 to 120.0 %w/w, uncorrected for impurities or solutes).

5 Several batches of Stage 5 product were processed in this way and the details of the quantities of starting material and product for each batch are set out in Table 1 below.

Table 1 – Yields from the deprotection step - Stage 6

Batch	Input (g) of (4-([4-(2,6-Dichloro-benzoylamino)-1 <i>H</i> -pyrazole-3-carbonyl]amino)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid <i>tert</i> -butyl ester)	Output (g) of [4-(2,6-Dichlorobenzoyl-amino)-1 <i>H</i> -pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide methanesulphonate]	Chemical purity (HPLC % area)
1	590.0	579.6 99.1%th, 98.2%w/w	97.88
2	521.0	532.7 103.1%th, 102.2%w/w	98.09
3	523.8	511.7 98.5%th, 97.7%w/w	98.17
4	518.4	596.3 116.0%th, 115.0%w/w	98.24
5	563.2	600.1 107.4%th, 106.6%w/w	98.16
6	563.1	565.2 101.2%th, 100.4%w/w	98.49
7	560.4	553.9 99.7%th, 98.8%w/w	98.70
8	569.7	560.6 99.2%th, 98.4%w/w	98.41

Stage 6a: Recrystallisation of 4-(2,6-dichlorobenzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide methanesulphonate

The product of Stage 6 was recrystallised to ensure that any residual levels of Boc-protected product of Stage 5 were no greater than 0.25%. Four batches of Stage 6 product were recrystallised using the following protocol.

- 5 Crude Stage 6 product and 2-propanol (10.0 vol) were charged to a suitably sized flask equipped with a mechanical stirrer, dropping funnel and thermometer. The contents were stirred under nitrogen and heated to between 75 and 85 °C. Water (up to 2.5 vol) was then charged to the contents until a clear solution was obtained. The contents were then cooled to between 40 and 60 °C and concentrated under vacuum at 40 to 50 °C until the reaction volume was reduced by approximately 50%. 2-Propanol (3.0 vol) was charged to the flask and the contents were concentrated at 40 to 50 °C until approximately 3.0 vol of solvent was removed. This process was then repeated twice more with 2-propanol (2x 3.0 vol) and the water content was checked. The resultant slurry was then cooled to between 0 and 5 °C and stirred at this temperature for 1 to 2 hours. The contents were filtered, the filter-cake was washed with 2-propanol (2x 1.0 vol) and then pulled dry on the filter for up to 24 hours. The solid was transferred to drying trays and dried under vacuum at 45 to 50 °C to constant weight to give 4-(2,6-dichlorobenzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide methanesulphonate as an off-white solid (60.0 to 100.0% w/w).

The recrystallisation yields for the four batches ranged between 85.6% and 90.4% and the purities of the recrystallised product ranged from 99.29% to 99.39%. A second recrystallisation increased the purity still further.

- 20 The 4-(2,6-dichlorobenzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide methanesulphonate produced by this route had a melting point (by DSC) of 379.8 °C.

Removal of residual Boc-protected product of Stage 5

- 25 In some cases, when the methanesulphonate salt was dissolved in acetate buffer, a fine precipitate consisting of residual traces of the Boc-protected free base was observed. Several techniques may be used for removing or preventing the formation of the precipitate, as set out below.

(a) Filtration

- 30 A mixture of the methanesulphonate salt in 200 mM acetate buffer was drawn from a vial into a 20 mL single-use syringe using a sterile needle, and a clinical grade 0.2 µm filter (a Sartorius Minisart sterile single use filter unit) was then attached to the syringe. The plunger of the syringe was slowly depressed and the filtrate collected in a clean, clear glass vial. The content of the vial was a clear, colourless solution of the methanesulphonate salt free of particulate matter.

(b) Heating in aqueous acid

- 35 A mixture of the methanesulphonate salt and methanesulphonic acid (0.4 eq.) in water (10 vol) was heated at 100 °C for 4 hours, and then cooled to 60 °C. Analysis by TLC indicates that the methanesulphonate salt was present as a single component. 2-Propanol (10 vol) was added and the mixture cooled to 40 °C. The mixture was reduced *in vacuo* to approximately 10 volumes, then a further portion of 2-propanol added (10 vol) and the mixture again reduced to 10 volumes. This cycle was repeated a further three times. The mixture was cooled

in an ice-bath and the solid formed collected by filtration, washed with 2-propanol (5 vol) and dried *in vacuo* to give the methanesulphonate salt as a white to off-white solid.

(c) Organic-aqueous Extractions

5 A mixture of the methanesulphonate salt and methanesulphonic acid (0.4 eq.) in water (10 vol) was heated at 100 °C for 3 hours, and then cooled to ambient temperature. To this mixture was added THF-heptane (9:1, 10 vol) and the resultant mixture stirred vigorously to give a solution. The layers were separated and the aqueous phase washed with THF-heptane (9:1, 2 x 10 vol) then ethyl acetate (2 x 10 vol). To the aqueous phase was added 2-propanol (10 vol) and the solution was reduced *in vacuo* to approximately 5 volumes, then a further portion of 2-propanol added (10 vol) and the mixture again reduced to 5 volumes. This cycle was repeated a
10 further three times. The solid formed was collected by filtration, washed with 2-propanol (5 vol) and dried *in vacuo* to give the methanesulphonate salt as a white to off-white solid.

(d) Chromatography

The use of chromatographic techniques may provide a route for removing non-polar impurities from the methanesulphonate salt. It is envisaged that the use of reverse-phase methods will be particularly useful.

15 BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY

The biological activities of the compounds of formula (I) as inhibitors of CDK kinases, GSK-3 kinase and as inhibitors of cell growth are demonstrated by the examples set out below.

EXAMPLE 248

Measurement of CDK2 Kinase Inhibitory Activity (IC₅₀)

20 Compounds of the invention were tested for kinase inhibitory activity using either the following protocol or the activated CDK2/cyclin A kinase protocol described in Example 250.

1.7 µl of active CDK2/CyclinA (Upstate Biotechnology, 10U/µl) is diluted in assay buffer (250µl of 10X strength assay buffer (200mM MOPS pH 7.2, 250mM β-glycerophosphate, 50mM EDTA, 150mM MgCl₂), 11.27 µl 10mM ATP, 2.5 µl 1M DTT, 25 µl 100mM sodium orthovanadate, 708.53 µl H₂O), and 10 µl mixed with 10 µl
25 of histone substrate mix (60 µl bovine histone H1 (Upstate Biotechnology, 5 mg/ml), 940 µl H₂O, 35 µCi γ³³P-ATP) and added to 96 well plates along with 5 µl of various dilutions of the test compound in DMSO (up to 2.5%). The reaction is allowed to proceed for 5 hours before being stopped with an excess of ortho-phosphoric acid (30 µl at 2%).

γ³³P-ATP which remains unincorporated into the histone H1 is separated from phosphorylated histone H1 on a
30 Millipore MAPH filter plate. The wells of the MAPH plate are wetted with 0.5% orthophosphoric acid, and then the results of the reaction are filtered with a Millipore vacuum filtration unit through the wells. Following filtration, the residue is washed twice with 200 µl of 0.5% orthophosphoric acid. Once the filters have dried, 25 µl of Microscint 20 scintillant is added, and then counted on a Packard Topcount for 30 seconds.

The % inhibition of the CDK2 activity is calculated and plotted in order to determine the concentration of test
35 compound required to inhibit 50% of the CDK2 activity (IC₅₀).

By means of the protocol set out above, it was found that the compounds of Examples 2C to 87, 89-92, 94, 96-101, 104-105, 165, 166, 224, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 234 and 236 each have IC₅₀ values less than 20 µM or provide at least 50% inhibition of the CDK2 activity at a concentration of 10 µM. The compounds of Examples 88, 93, 226, 228, 230 and 235 each have IC₅₀ values less than 750 µM.

5 EXAMPLE 249

CDK Selectivity Assays

Compounds of the invention are tested for kinase inhibitory activity against a number of different kinases using the general protocol described in Example 247, but modified as set out below.

10 Kinases are diluted to a 10x working stock in 20mM MOPS pH 7.0, 1 mM EDTA, 0.1% γ-mercaptoethanol, 0.01% Brij-35, 5% glycerol, 1 mg/ml BSA. One unit equals the incorporation of 1 nmol of phosphate per minute into 0.1 mg/ml histone H1, or CDK7 substrate peptide at 30 °C with a final ATP concentration of 100 uM.

The substrate for all the CDK assays (except CDK7) is histone H1, diluted to 10X working stock in 20 mM MOPS pH 7.4 prior to use. The substrate for CDK7 is a specific peptide obtained from Upstate diluted to 10X working stock in deionised water.

15 Assay Procedure for CDK1/cyclinB, CDK2/cyclinA, CDK2/cyclinE, CDK3/cyclinE, CDK5/p35, CDK6/cyclinD3:

20 In a final reaction volume of 25 µl, the enzyme (5-10 mU) is incubated with 8 mM MOPS pH 7.0, 0.2 mM EDTA, 0.1 mg/ml histone H1, 10 mM MgAcetate and [γ-³³P-ATP] (specific activity approx 500 cpm/pmol, concentration as required). The reaction is initiated by the addition of Mg²⁺ [γ-³³P-ATP]. After incubation for 40 minutes at room temperature the reaction is stopped by the addition of 5 µl of a 3% phosphoric acid solution. 10 ml of the reaction is spotted onto a P30 filter mat and washed 3 times for 5 minutes in 75 mM phosphoric acid and once in methanol prior to drying and counting.

In the CDK3/cyclinE assay, the compound of Example 150 had an IC₅₀ of less than 20 µM.

In the CDK5/p35 assay, the compounds of Examples 41 and 150 had an IC₅₀ of less than 20 µM.

In the CDK6/cyclinD3 assay, the compound of Example 150 had an IC₅₀ of less than 20 µM.

25 Assay procedure for CDK7/cyclinH/MAT1

30 In a final reaction volume of 25 µl, the enzyme (5-10mU) is incubated with 8 mM MOPS pH 7.0, 0.2 mM EDTA, 500 µM peptide, 10 mM MgAcetate and [γ-³³P-ATP] (specific activity approx 500 cpm/pmol, concentration as required). The reaction is initiated by the addition of Mg²⁺+ [γ-³³P-ATP]. After incubation for 40 minutes at room temperature the reaction is stopped by the addition of 5 µl of a 3% phosphoric acid solution. 10 ml of the reaction is spotted onto a P30 filtermat and washed 3 times for 5 minutes in 75 mM phosphoric acid and once in methanol prior to drying and counting.

EXAMPLE 250

A. Measurement of Activated CDK2/CyclinA Kinase Inhibitory Activity Assay (IC₅₀)

Compounds of the invention were tested for kinase inhibitory activity using the following protocol.

Activated CDK2/CyclinA (Brown et al, Nat. Cell Biol., 1, pp438-443, 1999; Lowe, E.D., et al Biochemistry, 41, pp15625-15634, 2002) is diluted to 125 pM in 2.5X strength assay buffer (50 mM MOPS pH 7.2, 62.5 mM β -glycerophosphate, 12.5 mM EDTA, 37.5 mM $MgCl_2$, 112.5 mM ATP, 2.5 mM DTT, 2.5 mM sodium orthovanadate, 0.25 mg/ml bovine serum albumin), and 10 μ l mixed with 10 μ l of histone substrate mix (60 μ l bovine histone H1 (Upstate Biotechnology, 5 mg/ml), 940 μ l H_2O , 35 μ Ci γ - ^{33}P -ATP) and added to 96 well plates along with 5 μ l of various dilutions of the test compound in DMSO (up to 2.5%). The reaction is allowed to proceed for 2 to 4 hours before being stopped with an excess of ortho-phosphoric acid (5 μ l at 2%).

γ - ^{33}P -ATP which remains unincorporated into the histone H1 is separated from phosphorylated histone H1 on a Millipore MAPH filter plate. The wells of the MAPH plate are wetted with 0.5% orthophosphoric acid, and then the results of the reaction are filtered with a Millipore vacuum filtration unit through the wells. Following filtration, the residue is washed twice with 200 μ l of 0.5% orthophosphoric acid. Once the filters have dried, 20 μ l of Microscint 20 scintillant is added, and then counted on a Packard Topcount for 30 seconds.

The % inhibition of the CDK2 activity is calculated and plotted in order to determine the concentration of test compound required to inhibit 50% of the CDK2 activity (IC_{50}).

By means of the foregoing protocol, it was found that the compounds of Examples 95, 96, 99-104, 106-121, 123-125, 130-137, 139, 142-145, 147-150, 152-156, 158-160, 162-164, 167-173, 177-179, 181-182, 184-190, 194, 196-204, 208-213 and 215 have IC_{50} values less than 20 μ M. The compounds of Examples 122, 126-129, 140, 141, 146, 157 and 161 each have IC_{50} values less than 750 μ M and most have IC_{50} values of less than 100 μ M.

B. CDK1/CyclinB Assay.

CDK1/CyclinB assay is identical to the CDK2/CyclinA above except that CDK1/CyclinB (Upstate Discovery) is used and the enzyme is diluted to 6.25 nM.

In the CDK1 assay carried out as described above or by means of the protocol set out in Example 240, the compounds of Examples 2C, 41, 48, 53, 64, 65, 66, 73, 76, 77, 91, 95, 102, 106, 117, 123, 125, 133, 137, 142, 150, 152, 154, 167, 186, 187, 189, 190, 193, 194, 196, 199, 202-204, 207, 208-213, 215 AND 218-223 were found to have IC_{50} values less than 20 μ M, and the compounds of Examples 188 and 206, were found to have IC_{50} values less than 100 μ M.

EXAMPLE 251

Assay Procedure for CDK4

Assays for CDK4 inhibitory activity were carried out by ProQinase GmbH, Freiburg, Germany using their proprietary 33PanQinase[®] Activity Assay. The assays were performed in 96 well FlashPlates[™] (PerkinElmer). In each case, the reaction cocktail (50 μ l final volume) is composed of; 20 μ l assay buffer (final composition 60 mM HEPES-NaOH, pH 7.5, 3 mM $MgCl_2$, 3 μ M Na-orthovanadate, 1.2mM DTT, 50 μ g/ml PEG₂₀₀₀, 5 μ l ATP solution (final concentration 1 μ M [γ - ^{33}P]-ATP (approx 5×10^5 cpm per well)), 5 μ l test compound (in 10%

DMSO), 10 μ l substrate/ 10 μ l enzyme solution (premixed). The final amounts of enzyme and substrate were as below.

Kinase	Kinase ng/50 μ l	Substrate	Substrate ng/ 50 μ l
CDK4/CycD1	50	Poly (Ala, Glu, Lys, Tyr) 6:2:5:1	500

5 The reaction cocktail was incubated at 30 °C for 80 minutes. The reaction was stopped with 50 μ l of 2 % H_3PO_4 , plates were aspirated and washed twice with 200 μ l 0.9% NaCl. Incorporation of ^{33}P was determined with a microplate scintillation counter. Background values were subtracted from the data before calculating the residual activities for each well. IC_{50} s were calculated using Prism 3.03.

The compound of Example 150 has an IC_{50} of less than 5 μ M in this assay.

EXAMPLE 252

Measurement of inhibitory activity against Glycogen Synthase Kinase-3 (GSK-3)

10 The activities of the compounds of the invention as inhibitors of GSK-3 were determined using either Protocol A or Protocol B below.

Protocol A

15 GSK3- β (Upstate Discovery) is diluted to 7.5 nM in 25 mM MOPS, pH 7.00, 25 mg/ml BSA, 0.0025% Brij-35^{RTM}, 1.25% glycerol, 0.5 mM EDTA, 25 mM $MgCl_2$, 0.025% β -mercaptoethanol, 37.5 mM ATP and 10 μ l mixed with 10 μ l of substrate mix. The substrate mix is 12.5 μ M phospho-glycogen synthase peptide-2 (Upstate Discovery) in 1ml of water with 35 μ Ci γ - ^{33}P -ATP. Enzyme and substrate are added to 96 well plates along with 5 μ l of various dilutions of the test compound in DMSO (up to 2.5%). The reaction is allowed to proceed for 3 hours before being stopped with an excess of ortho-phosphoric acid (5 μ l at 2%). The filtration procedure is as for Activated CDK2/CyclinA assay above.

Protocol B

20 GSK3 β (human) is diluted to a 10x working stock in 50mM Tris pH 7.5, 0.1mM EGTA, 0.1mM sodium vanadate, 0.1% β -mercaptoethanol, 1mg/ml BSA. One unit equals the incorporation of 1nmol of phosphate per minute phospho-glycogen synthase peptide 2 per minute.

25 In a final reaction volume of 25 μ l, GSK3 β (5-10 mU) is incubated with 8mM MOPS 7.0, 0.2mM EDTA, 20 μ M YRRAVPPSPSLSRHSSPHQS(p)EDEEE (phospho GS2 peptide) , 10mM MgAcetate and [γ - ^{33}P -ATP] (specific activity approx 500cpm/pmol, concentration as required). The reaction is initiated by the addition of Mg^{2+} [γ - ^{33}P -ATP]. After incubation for 40 minutes at room temperature the reaction is stopped by the addition of 5 μ l of a 3% phosphoric acid solution. 10 μ l of the reaction is spotted onto a P30 filter mat and washed 3 times for 5 minutes in 50mM phosphoric acid and once in methanol prior to drying and counting.

30 From the results of the GSK3-B assays carried out using either of the two procols set out above, it was found that the compounds of Examples 2C, 26, 48, 53, 65, 76, 77, 84, 86, 95, 102, 106, 119, 122, 123, 126, 127, 128,

129, 131, 134, 135, 138, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 149, 150 and 151 each have IC₅₀ values of less than 10 µM.

EXAMPLE 253

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Anti-proliferative Activity

The anti-proliferative activities of the combinations of the invention, as well as the individual components of the combinations, are determined by measuring the ability of the compounds to inhibition of cell growth in a number of cell lines. Inhibition of cell growth is measured using the Alamar Blue assay (Nociari, M. M, Shalev, A., Benias, P., Russo, C. *Journal of Immunological Methods* 1998, 213, 157-167). The method is based on the ability of viable cells to reduce resazurin to its fluorescent product resorufin. For each proliferation assay cells are plated onto 96 well plates and allowed to recover for 16 hours prior to the addition of inhibitor compounds for a further 72 hours. At the end of the incubation period 10% (v/v) Alamar Blue is added and incubated for a further 6 hours prior to determination of fluorescent product at 535nm ex / 590nm em. In the case of the non-proliferating cell assay cells are maintained at confluence for 96 hour prior to the addition of inhibitor compounds for a further 72 hours. The number of viable cells is determined by Alamar Blue assay as before. All cell lines are obtained from ECACC (European Collection of cell Cultures).

HCT-116 cell line

In assays against the human colon carcinoma cell line HCT 116 (ECACC No. 91091005), the compounds of Examples 10, 25-27, 41, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 53, 60, 62, 64-67, 69, 73-77, 79, 80, 83A, 86, 90-93, 95-98, 100-104, 106, 107, 109-121, 123-125, 131-134, 136-143, 147-155, 158, 159, 162-164, 166, 167, 178, 179, 185-190, 192-205, 207-215 and 218-223 have IC₅₀ values of less than 20 µM and the compounds of Examples 2C, 3, 29, 38, 39, 49, 51, 85, 89, 99, 108, 135, 160, 182, 183, 206 and 216 have IC₅₀ values of less than 100 µM.

EXAMPLE 254

The effect of the compound 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide or a compound of Formula (I) ("Compound I") in combination with two or more further anti-cancer agents can be assessed using the following technique:

1. IC₅₀ Shift Assay

Human colon carcinoma cell line HT29 (ECACC No. 91072201) cells were seeded onto 96-well tissue culture plates at a concentration of 5x10³ cells/well. Cells were allowed to recover overnight prior to addition of compound(s) or vehicle control (0.2% DMSO) as follows;

Two or more further anti- cancer agents		Compound I						Compound I					
	Conc	a	b	c	d	e	Control	a	b	c	d	e	Control
	a												
	b												
	c												
	d												
	e												
	f												
	g												
	Control												

Compounds can be added according to one of the following schedules. Alternatively the experiment can be modified by a skilled to accommodate alternative schedules ;

- a) Concurrent for 72 hours.
- 5 b) Compound I for 24 hours followed by two or more further anti-cancer agents for 48 hours.
- c) Two or more further anti-cancer agents for 24 hours followed by Compound I for 48 hours.

Following a total of 72 hours compound incubation, Alamar BlueTM was added to a final concentration of 10% (v/v) and incubated at 37 °C for 6 hours. Fluorescent product was quantified by reading at d535/25x (excitation) and d590/20m (emission) on a Fusion Reader (Perkin Elmer). The IC₅₀ for two or more further anti-cancer agents in the presence of varying doses of Compound I is determined. Synergy was determined when the IC₅₀ shifted down in the presence of sub-effective doses of Compound I. Additivity is determined when the response to two or more further anti-cancer agents and Compound I together resulted in an effect equivalent to the sum of the three or more compounds individually. Antagonistic effects are defined as those causing the IC₅₀ to shift upwards, i.e. those where the response to the three or more compounds was less than the sum of the effect of the three or more compounds individually.

PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATIONS

EXAMPLE 255

i) Lyophilised formulation I

Aliquots of formulated compound of formula (I) are put into 50 mL vials and lyophilized. During lyophilisation, the compositions are frozen using a one-step freezing protocol at (-45 °C). The temperature is raised to -10

°C for annealing, then lowered to freezing at -45 °C, followed by primary drying at +25 °C for approximately 3400 minutes, followed by a secondary drying with increased steps if temperature to 50 °C. The pressure during primary and secondary drying is set at 80 millitor.

ii) Injectable formulation II

- 5 A formulation for i.v. delivery by injection or infusion can be prepared by dissolving the compound of formula (I) (e.g. in a salt form) in water at 20 mg/ml. The vial is then sealed and sterilised by autoclaving.

iii) Injectable formulation III

- 10 A formulation for i.v. delivery by injection or infusion can be prepared by dissolving the compound of formula (I) (e.g. in a salt form) in water containing a buffer (e.g. 0.2 M acetate pH 4.6) at 20mg/ml. The vial is then sealed and sterilised by autoclaving.

iv) Injectable Formulation IV

A parenteral composition for administration by injection can be prepared by dissolving a compound of the formula (I) (e.g. in a salt form) in water containing 10% propylene glycol to give a concentration of active compound of 1.5 % by weight. The solution is then sterilised by filtration, filled into an ampoule and sealed.

- 15 (v) Injectable Formulation V

A parenteral composition for injection is prepared by dissolving in water a compound of the formula (I) (e.g. in salt form) (2 mg/ml) and mannitol (50 mg/ml), sterile filtering the solution and filling into sealable 1 ml vials or ampoules.

(vi) Subcutaneous Injection Formulation VI

- 20 A composition for sub-cutaneous administration is prepared by mixing a compound of the formula (I) with pharmaceutical grade corn oil to give a concentration of 5 mg/ml. The composition is sterilised and filled into a suitable container.

(vii) Tablet Formulation

- 25 A tablet composition containing a compound of the formulae (I⁰) or (I) or an acid addition salt thereof as defined herein is prepared by mixing 50mg of the compound or its salt with 197mg of lactose (BP) as diluent, and 3mg magnesium stearate as a lubricant and compressing to form a tablet in known manner.

(viii) Capsule Formulation

- 30 A capsule formulation is prepared by mixing 100mg of a compound of the formulae (I⁰) or (I) or an acid addition salt thereof as defined herein with 100mg lactose and filling the resulting mixture into standard opaque hard gelatin capsules.

(ix) Lyophilised formulation

Aliquots of formulated compound of formulae (I⁰) or (I) or an acid addition salt thereof as defined herein are put into 50 mL vials and lyophilized. During lyophilisation, the compositions are frozen using a one-step freezing protocol at (-45 °C). The temperature is raised to -10 °C for annealing, then lowered to freezing at -45 °C,

followed by primary drying at +25 °C for approximately 3400 minutes, followed by a secondary drying with increased steps if temperature to 50 °C. The pressure during primary and secondary drying is set at 80 millitor.

(x) Concentrate for use in i.v. administration

5 An aqueous buffered solution is prepared by dissolving 4-(2,6-dichlorobenzoylamino)-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide methanesulphonate at a concentration of 20 mg/ml in a 0.2M sodium acetate/acetic acid buffer at a pH of 4.6.

10 The buffered solution is filled, with filtration to remove particulate matter, into a container (such as class 1 glass vials) which is then sealed (e.g. by means of a Florotec stopper) and secured (e.g. with an aluminium crimp). If the compound and formulation are sufficiently stable, the formulation is sterilised by autoclaving at 121 °C for a suitable period of time. If the formulation is not stable to autoclaving, it can be sterilised using a suitable filter and filled under sterile conditions into sterile vials. For intravenous administration, the solution can be dosed as is, or can be injected into an infusion bag (containing a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, such as 0.9% saline or 5% dextrose), before administration.

(xi) Injectable formulation of a Camptothecin Compound

15 A parenteral pharmaceutical formulation for administration by injection and containing a camptothecin compound can be prepared by dissolving 100 mg of a water soluble salt of the camptothecin compound (for example a compound as described in EP 0321122 and in particular the examples therein) in 10 ml of sterile 0.9% saline and then sterilising the solution and filling the solution into a suitable container

EXAMPLE 256

20 Determination of the crystal structure of 4-(2,6-dichlorobenzoylamino)-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide methanesulphonate by X-ray diffraction

The compound 4-(2,6-dichlorobenzoylamino)-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide methanesulphonate was prepared as described in Example 1. The crystal used for the diffraction experiment was a colourless plate with dimensions 0.05 x 0.08 x 0.14 mm³ obtained by precipitation from a water solution by 2-propanol. Crystallographic data were collected at 93 K using CuK α radiation ($\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$) from a Rigaku rotating anode RU3HR, Osmic blue confocal optics and a Rigaku Jupiter CCD detector. Images were collected in two ω scans at $2\theta=15$ and 90° with a detector to crystal distance of 67 mm. Data collection was controlled by CrystalClear software and images were processed and scaled by Dtrek. Due to a high absorption coefficient ($\mu=4.01 \text{ mm}^{-1}$) data had to be corrected using 4th order Fourier absorption correction. It was found that the
30 crystals belong to an orthorhombic space group *Pbca* (# 61) with crystal lattice parameters at 93 K $a=8.90(10)$, $b=12.44(10)$, $c=38.49(4) \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$. The numbers in brackets represents the deviation (s.u., standard uncertainty).

The crystals described above and the crystal structure form a further aspect of the invention.

35 The crystal structure was solved using direct methods implemented in SHELXS-97. Intensity data for a total of 2710 unique reflections in a resolution range from 20-0.9 \AA ($2.3 < \theta < 58.87$) were used in the refinement of 271 crystallographic parameters by SHELXL-97. Final statistical parameters were: $wR^2=0.2115$ (all data), $R1=0.0869$ (data with $I > 2\sigma(I)$) and goodness of fit $S=1.264$.

One molecule of protonated free base and one mesylate anion were found in the asymmetric unit. The elemental composition of the asymmetric unit was $C_{17}H_{21}Cl_2N_5O_5S$ and the calculated density of the crystals is 1.49 Mg/m^3 . Hydrogen atoms were generated on geometrical grounds while the location of heteroatom bound hydrogen atoms was confirmed by inspection of Fo-Fc difference maps. The positional and thermal parameters of hydrogen atoms were constricted to ride on corresponding non-hydrogen atoms. The thermal motion of non-hydrogen atoms was modelled by anisotropic thermal factors (see Figure 1).

The crystal structure contains one intramolecular (N15H...O7 2.690 Å) and five intermolecular hydrogen bonds (see packing figure Figure 2). Three of them link the protonated piperidine nitrogen with two mesylate anions. The first mesylate anion is linked through a single H-bond N12H12A...O2M 2.771 Å, while the second is involved in a bifurcated H-bond with interactions N12H12B...O1M 2.864 Å and N12H12B...O2M 3.057 Å. The remaining mesylate oxygen O3M is involved in a hydrogen bond N8H8...O3M 2.928 Å. Neighbouring protonated free base molecules are linked together by a H-bond N15H15...O7 2.876 Å, as well as by relatively long contact N15H15...N2 3.562 Å and stacking of phenyl and pyrazole rings. These interactions are propagated infinitely along the *b* axis. Crystal packing contains 2D layers (in the *ab* plane) of mesylate anions sandwiched by an extensive network of charged H-bonds with two layers of protonated free base cations. The compact 2D sandwich layers are joined together along the *c* axis by stacking of phenyl rings and involving chlorine...phenyl interaction with Cl2...C18 3.341 Å.

A graphical representation of the structure generated by the X-ray diffraction study is provided in Figure 2.

The coordinates for the atoms making up the structure of the 4-(2,6-dichlorobenzoylamino)-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide methanesulphonate are as set out in Table 2.

Table 2

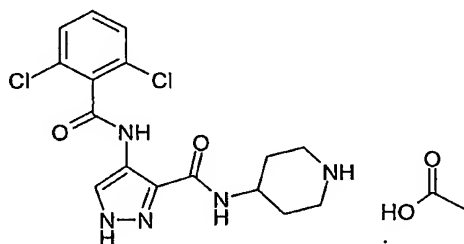
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H14B H 1.2639 -0.1231 0.3802 0.043 Uiso 1 1 calc R . .
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	O17	O	0.4336(5)	0.0082(3)	0.29260(13)	0.0309(12)	Uani	1	1	d	.	.	.
	C18	C	0.5120(6)	0.1890(5)	0.30170(17)	0.0195(15)	Uani	1	1	d	.	.	.
	C19	C	0.3923(7)	0.2486(5)	0.31620(19)	0.0252(16)	Uani	1	1	d	.	.	.
	C20	C	0.3785(7)	0.3569(5)	0.30904(19)	0.0267(17)	Uani	1	1	d	.	.	.
5	H20	H	0.2991	0.3957	0.3185	0.032	Uiso	1	1	calc	R	.	.
	C21	C	0.4814(7)	0.4078(5)	0.28805(19)	0.0270(17)	Uani	1	1	d	.	.	.
	H21	H	0.4708	0.4808	0.2834	0.032	Uiso	1	1	calc	R	.	.
	C22	C	0.6005(7)	0.3518(5)	0.27375(19)	0.0294(18)	Uani	1	1	d	.	.	.
	H22	H	0.6702	0.3865	0.2597	0.035	Uiso	1	1	calc	R	.	.
10	C23	C	0.6142(7)	0.2425(5)	0.2807(2)	0.0286(17)	Uani	1	1	d	.	.	.

EXAMPLE 257**Preparation of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide acetic acid salt**

To a solution of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide hydrochloride salt (20.6 g, 50 mmol) in water (500 ml) stirring at ambient temperature was added sodium bicarbonate (4.5 g, 53.5 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 1 hour and the solid formed collected by filtration and dried *in vacuo* azeotroping with toluene (x 3) to give the corresponding free base of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.20 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.25 (d, 1H), 7.60 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 3.70 (m, 1H), 3.00 (d, 2H), 2.50 (m, 2H), 1.70 (d, 2H), 1.50 (m, 2H).

To a stirred suspension of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide (10.0 g, 26.2 mmol) in methanol (150 ml) was added glacial acetic acid (15 ml, 262 mmol) at ambient temperature. After 1 h, a clear solution was obtained which was reduced *in vacuo* azeotroping with toluene (x 2). The residue was then triturated with acetonitrile (2 x 100 ml) and the solid dried *in vacuo* to give 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide acetic acid salt (10.3 g) as a white solid.

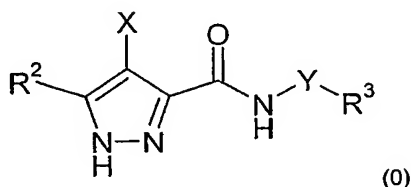
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.20 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 3.85 (m, 1H), 3.00 (d, 2H), 2.60 (t, 2H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 1.70 (d, 2H), 1.55 (m, 2H)

Equivalents

The foregoing examples are presented for the purpose of illustrating the invention and should not be construed as imposing any limitation on the scope of the invention. It will readily be apparent that numerous modifications and alterations may be made to the specific embodiments of the invention described above and illustrated in the examples without departing from the principles underlying the invention. All such modifications and
5 alterations are intended to be embraced by this application.

CLAIMS

1. A combination of a compound having the formula (0) and two or more further anti-cancer agents:



- 5 or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;
wherein

X is a group R^1 -A-NR⁴- or a 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring;

A is a bond, SO₂, C=O, NR⁹(C=O) or O(C=O) wherein R⁹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C₁₋₄ alkoxy;

- 10 Y is a bond or an alkylene chain of 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms in length;

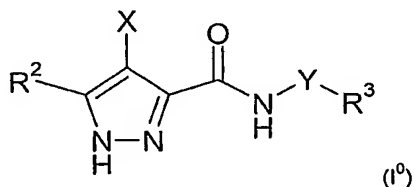
R¹ is hydrogen; a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group having from 3 to 12 ring members; or a C₁₋₈ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxy, C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyloxy, amino, mono- or di-C₁₋₄ hydrocarbylamino, and carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and wherein 1 or 2 of the carbon atoms of the hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by an atom or group selected from O, S, NH, SO, SO₂;

- 15 R² is hydrogen; halogen; C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy); or a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy);

R³ is selected from hydrogen and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; and

- 20 R⁴ is hydrogen or a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy).

2. A combination according to claim 1 comprising a compound having the formula (I⁰) and two or more further anti-cancer agents:



- 25 or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;
wherein

X is a group R^1 -A-NR⁴- or a 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring;

A is a bond, C=O, NR⁹(C=O) or O(C=O) wherein R⁹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C₁₋₄ alkoxy;

- 30 Y is a bond or an alkylene chain of 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms in length;

R¹ is hydrogen; a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group having from 3 to 12 ring members; or a C₁₋₈ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen (e.g.

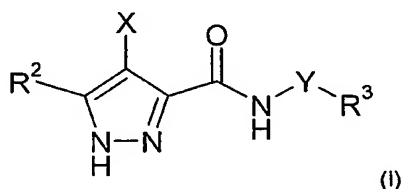
fluorine), hydroxy, C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyloxy, amino, mono- or di-C₁₋₄ hydrocarbylamino, and carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and wherein 1 or 2 of the carbon atoms of the hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by an atom or group selected from O, S, NH, SO, SO₂;

R² is hydrogen; halogen; C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy); or a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy);

R³ is selected from hydrogen and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; and

R⁴ is hydrogen or a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy).

3. A combination according to claim 1 comprising a compound having the formula (I) and two or more further anti-cancer agents:



or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;
wherein

X is a group R¹-A-NR⁴;

A is a bond, C=O, NR⁹(C=O) or O(C=O) wherein R⁹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C₁₋₄ alkoxy;

Y is a bond or an alkylene chain of 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms in length;

R¹ is hydrogen; a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group having from 3 to 12 ring members; or a C₁₋₈ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxy, C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyloxy, amino, mono- or di-C₁₋₄ hydrocarbylamino, and carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and wherein 1 or 2 of the carbon atoms of the hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by an atom or group selected from O, S, NH, SO, SO₂;

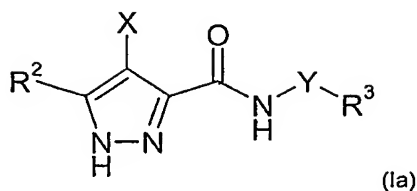
R² is hydrogen; halogen; C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy); or a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy);

R³ is selected from hydrogen and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; and

R⁴ is hydrogen or a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy).

4. A combination according to claim 1 comprising a compound having the formula (Ia) and two or more further anti-cancer agents:

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or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;

wherein

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X is a group R^1-A-NR^4 ;

A is a bond, $C=O$, $NR^9(C=O)$ or $O(C=O)$ wherein R^9 is hydrogen or C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C_{1-4} alkoxy;

Y is a bond or an alkylene chain of 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms in length;

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R^1 is a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group having from 3 to 12 ring members; or a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from fluorine, hydroxy, C_{1-4} hydrocarbyloxy, amino, mono- or di- C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, and carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and wherein 1 or 2 of the carbon atoms of the hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by an atom or group selected from O, S, NH, SO, SO_2 ;

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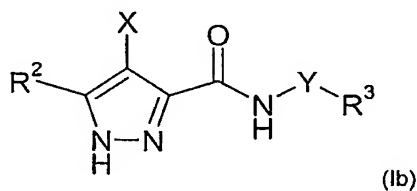
R^2 is hydrogen; halogen; C_{1-4} alkoxy (e.g. methoxy); or a C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C_{1-4} alkoxy (e.g. methoxy);

R^3 is selected from hydrogen and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; and

R^4 is hydrogen or a C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C_{1-4} alkoxy (e.g. methoxy).

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5. A combination according to claim 1 comprising a compound of the formula (1b) and two or more further anti-cancer agents:



or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;

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wherein

X is a group R^1-A-NR^4 ;

A is a bond, $C=O$, $NR^9(C=O)$ or $O(C=O)$ wherein R^9 is hydrogen or C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C_{1-4} alkoxy;

Y is a bond or an alkylene chain of 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms in length;

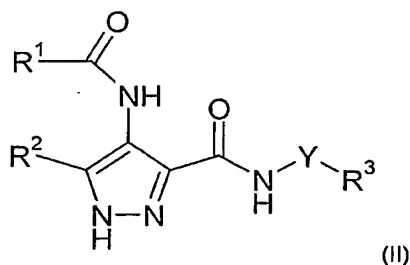
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R^1 is a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group having from 3 to 12 ring members; or a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from fluorine, hydroxy, C_{1-4} hydrocarbyloxy, amino, mono- or di- C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, and carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and wherein 1 or 2 of the carbon atoms of the hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by an atom or group selected from O, S, NH, SO, SO_2 ;

- R² is hydrogen; halogen; C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy); or a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy);
 R³ is selected from carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members;
 and
 5 R⁴ is hydrogen or a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. fluorine), hydroxyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy).
6. A combination according to claim 5 wherein A is C=O.
 7. A combination according to any one of the preceding claims wherein R⁴ is hydrogen.
 8. A combination according to any one of the preceding claims wherein R² is hydrogen or methyl,
 10 preferably hydrogen.
 9. A combination according to any one of the preceding claims wherein Y is a bond.
 10. A combination according to any one of the preceding claims wherein R¹ is a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group having from 3 to 12 ring members (e.g. 5 to 10 ring members).
 11. A combination according to claim 10 wherein the carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups are monocyclic.
 - 15 12. A combination according to claim 11 wherein the monocyclic groups are aryl groups.
 13. A combination according to claim 12 wherein the aryl group is a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group.
 14. A combination according to any one of claims 10 to 13 wherein the carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups are substituted by one or more (e.g. 1 or 2 or 3 or 4) substituent groups R¹⁰ selected from
 20 halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, carboxy, amino, mono- or di-C₁₋₄ hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, X¹C(X²), C(X²)X¹, X¹C(X²)X¹, S, SO, SO₂, NR^c, SO₂NR^c or NR^cSO₂; and R^b is selected from hydrogen, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and a C₁₋₈ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo,
 25 halogen, cyano, nitro, carboxy, amino, mono- or di-C₁₋₄ hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C₁₋₈ hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO₂, NR^c, X¹C(X²), C(X²)X¹ or X¹C(X²)X¹;
 R^c is selected from hydrogen and C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl; and
 30 X¹ is O, S or NR^c and X² is =O, =S or =NR^c.
 15. A combination according to claim 14 wherein the substituent groups R¹⁰ are selected from the group R^{10a} consisting of halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, carboxy, a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, X³C(X⁴), C(X⁴)X³, X³C(X⁴)X³, S, SO, or SO₂, and R^b is selected from hydrogen and a C₁₋₈ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo,
 35 halogen, cyano, nitro, carboxy and monocyclic non-aromatic carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 6 ring members; wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C₁₋₈ hydrocarbyl group may

optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO₂, X³C(X⁴), C(X⁴)X³ or X³C(X⁴)X³; X³ is O or S; and X⁴ is =O or =S.

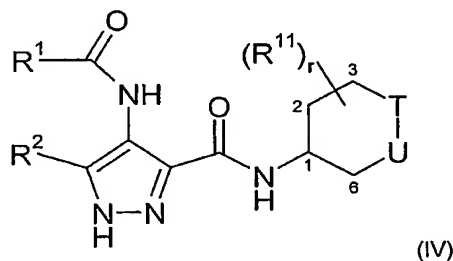
16. A combination according to claim 15 wherein the substituents are selected from halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond or O, and R^b is selected from hydrogen and a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxyl, halogen (preferably fluorine) and 5 and 6 membered saturated carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups.
17. A combination according to any one of claims 13 to 16 wherein R¹ is a phenyl ring having 1, 2 or 3 substituents located at the 2-, 3-, 4-, 5- or 6-positions around the ring.
18. A combination according to claim 17 wherein the phenyl group is 2-monosubstituted, 3-monosubstituted, 2,6-disubstituted, 2,3-disubstituted, 2,4-disubstituted, 2,5-disubstituted, 2,3,6-trisubstituted or 2,4,6-trisubstituted.
19. A combination according to claim 18 wherein the phenyl group is:
 - (i) monosubstituted at the 2-position, or disubstituted at positions 2- and 3-, or disubstituted at positions 2- and 6- with substituents selected from fluorine, chlorine and R^a-R^b, where R^a is O and R^b is C₁₋₄ alkyl; or
 - (ii) monosubstituted at the 2-position with a substituent selected from fluorine; chlorine; C₁₋₄ alkoxy optionally substituted by one or more fluorine atoms; or disubstituted at the 2- and 5-positions with substituents selected from fluorine, chlorine and methoxy.
20. A combination according to any one of the preceding claims wherein A is CO and R¹-CO- is selected from the groups listed in Table 1 herein, particularly groups J, AB, AH, AJ, AL, AS, AX, AY, AZ, BA, BB, BD, BH, BL, BQ and BS, and more particularly groups AJ, AX, BQ, BS and BAI, and preferably groups AJ and BQ.
21. A combination according to claim 1 comprising a compound having the formula (II) and two or more further anti-cancer agents:



wherein R¹, R², R³ and Y are as defined in any one of the preceding claims.

22. A combination according to claim 34 wherein R¹ is selected from:
 - (i) phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents (e.g. 1, 2 or 3) selected from fluorine; chlorine; hydroxy; 5- and 6-membered saturated heterocyclic groups containing 1 or 2 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, the heterocyclic groups being optionally substituted by one or more C₁₋₄ alkyl groups; C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyloxy; and C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl; wherein the C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl and

- C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyloxy groups are optionally substituted by one or more substituents chosen from hydroxy, fluorine, C₁₋₂ alkoxy, amino, mono and di-C₁₋₄ alkylamino, phenyl, halophenyl, saturated carbocyclic groups having 3 to 7 ring members (more preferably 4, 5 or 6 ring members, e.g. 5 or 6 ring members) or saturated heterocyclic groups of 5 or 6 ring members and containing up to 2 heteroatoms selected from O, S and N; or 2, 3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxine; or
- (ii) a monocyclic heteroaryl group containing one or two heteroatoms selected from O, S and N; or a bicyclic heteroaryl group containing a single heteroatom selected from O, S and N; the monocyclic and bicyclic heteroaryl groups each being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from fluorine; chlorine; C₁₋₃ hydrocarbyloxy; and C₁₋₃ hydrocarbyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, fluorine, methoxy or a five or six membered saturated carbocyclic or heterocyclic group containing up to two heteroatoms selected from O, S and N;
- (iii) a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having from 3 to 6 ring members; and
- (iv) a C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from fluorine; hydroxy; C₁₋₄ hydrocarbyloxy; amino; mono- or di-C₁₋₄ hydrocarbylamino; and carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and wherein one of the carbon atoms of the hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by an atom or group selected from O, NH, SO and SO₂.
23. A combination according to claim 22 wherein R¹ is selected from unsubstituted phenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 2-hydroxyphenyl, 2-methoxyphenyl, 2-methylphenyl, 2-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethoxy)-phenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 3-methoxyphenyl, 2,6-difluorophenyl, 2-fluoro-6-hydroxyphenyl, 2-fluoro-3-methoxyphenyl, 2-fluoro-5-methoxyphenyl, 2-chloro-6-methoxyphenyl, 2-fluoro-6-methoxyphenyl, 2,6-dichlorophenyl and 2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl; and is optionally further selected from 5-fluoro-2-methoxyphenyl.
24. A combination according to claim 23 wherein R¹ is selected from 2,6-difluorophenyl, 2-fluoro-6-methoxyphenyl, 2,6-dichlorophenyl and 2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl.
25. A combination according to claim 1 comprising a compound having the formula (IV) and two or more further anti-cancer agents:



or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;

wherein R¹ and R² are as defined in any one of the preceding claims;

an optional second bond may be present between carbon atoms numbered 1 and 2;

one of U and T is selected from CH₂, CHR¹³, CR¹¹R¹³, NR¹⁴, N(O)R¹⁵, O and S(O)_i; and the other of U and T is selected from , NR¹⁴, O, CH₂, CHR¹¹, C(R¹¹)₂, and C=O; r is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; t is 0, 1 or 2;

R¹¹ is selected from hydrogen, halogen (particularly fluorine), C₁₋₃ alkyl (e.g. methyl) and C₁₋₃ alkoxy (e.g. methoxy);

R^{13} is selected from hydrogen, NHR^{14} , NOH , NOR^{14} and R^a-R^b ;

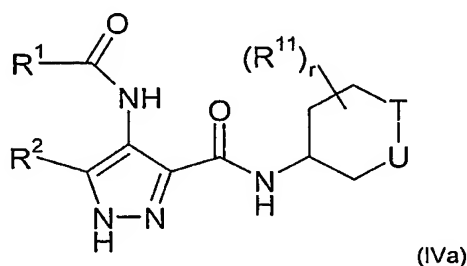
R^{14} is selected from hydrogen and R^d-R^b ;

R^d is selected from a bond, CO , $C(X^2)X^1$, SO_2 and SO_2NR^c ;

R^a , R^b and R^c are as hereinbefore defined; and

- 5 R^{15} is selected from C_{1-4} saturated hydrocarbyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, C_{1-2} alkoxy, halogen or a monocyclic 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic group, provided that U and T cannot be O simultaneously.

26. A combination according to claim 25 comprising a compound having the formula (IVa) and two or more further anti-cancer agents:



or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;

wherein one of U and T is selected from CH_2 , CHR^{13} , $CR^{11}R^{13}$, NR^{14} , $N(O)R^{15}$, O and $S(O)_t$; and the other of U and T is selected from CH_2 , CHR^{11} , $C(R^{11})_2$, and $C=O$; r is 0, 1 or 2; t is 0, 1 or 2;

R^{11} is selected from hydrogen and C_{1-3} alkyl;

- 15 R^{13} is selected from hydrogen and R^a-R^b ;

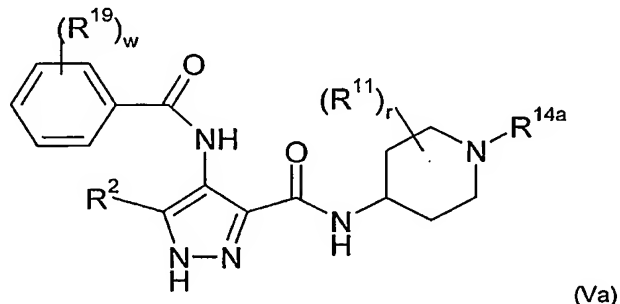
R^{14} is selected from hydrogen and R^d-R^b ;

R^d is selected from a bond, CO , $C(X^2)X^1$, SO_2 and SO_2NR^c ;

R^{15} is selected from C_{1-4} saturated hydrocarbyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, C_{1-2} alkoxy, halogen or a monocyclic 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic group; and

- 20 R^1 , R^2 , R^a , R^b and R^c are as defined in any one of the preceding claims.

27. A combination according to claim 26 comprising a compound having the formula (Va) and two or more further anti-cancer agents:



or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;

- 25 wherein R^{14a} is selected from hydrogen, C_{1-4} alkyl optionally substituted by fluoro (e.g. methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, butyl and 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl), cyclopropylmethyl, phenyl- C_{1-2} alkyl (e.g. benzyl), C_{1-4}

alkoxycarbonyl (e.g. ethoxycarbonyl and t-butyloxycarbonyl), phenyl-C₁₋₂ alkoxycarbonyl (e.g. benzyloxycarbonyl), C₁₋₂-alkoxy-C₁₋₂ alkyl (e.g. methoxymethyl and methoxyethyl), and C₁₋₄ alkylsulphonyl (e.g. methanesulphonyl), wherein the phenyl moieties when present are optionally substituted by one to three substituents selected from fluorine, chlorine, C₁₋₄ alkoxy optionally substituted by fluoro or C₁₋₂-alkoxy, and C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted by fluoro or C₁₋₂-alkoxy; w is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R² is hydrogen or methyl, most preferably hydrogen;

R¹¹ and r are as defined in any one of claims 82 to 90; and

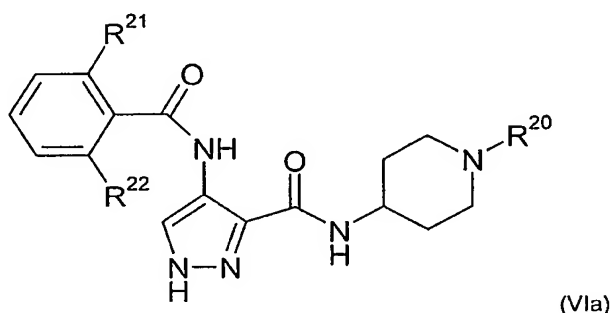
R¹⁹ is selected from fluorine; chlorine; C₁₋₄ alkoxy optionally substituted by fluoro or C₁₋₂-alkoxy; and C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted by fluoro or C₁₋₂-alkoxy.

28. A composition according to claim 27 wherein the phenyl ring is disubstituted at positions 2- and 6- with substituents selected from fluorine, chlorine and methoxy.

29. A combination according to any one of claims 25 to 28 wherein R¹¹ is hydrogen.

30. A combination according to any one of claims 25 to 29 wherein R^{14a} is hydrogen or methyl.

31. A combination according to claim 30 comprising a compound of the formula (VIa) and two or more further anti-cancer agents:



or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;

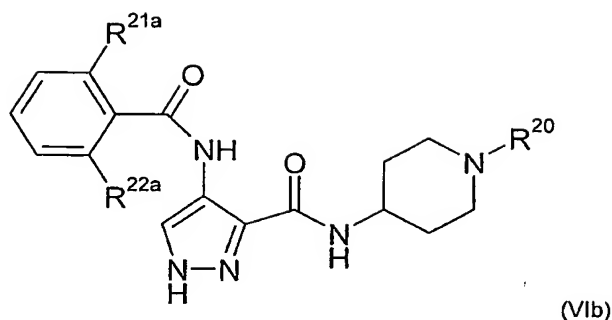
wherein R²⁰ is selected from hydrogen and methyl;

R²¹ is selected from fluorine and chlorine; and

R²² is selected from fluorine, chlorine and methoxy; or

one of R²¹ and R²² is hydrogen and the other is selected from chlorine, methoxy, ethoxy, difluoromethoxy, trifluoromethoxy and benzyloxy.

32. A combination according to claim 31 comprising a compound the formula (VIb) and two or more further anti-cancer agents:



or salts or tautomers or N-oxides or solvates thereof;

wherein R^{20} is selected from hydrogen and methyl;

R^{21a} is selected from fluorine and chlorine; and

R^{22a} is selected from fluorine, chlorine and methoxy.

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33. A combination according to claim 32 wherein the compound of the formula (VIb) is selected from:

4-(2,6-difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide;

4-(2,6-difluoro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (1-methyl-piperidin-4-yl)-amide;

4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide; and

4-(2-fluoro-6-methoxy-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide.

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34. A combination according to claim 33 wherein the compound of the formula (VIb) is 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide.

35. A combination according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the compound of the formula (0) is in the form of a salt.

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36. A combination according to claim 34 wherein the 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide is in the form of a salt, preferably an acid addition salt.

37. A combination according to claim 36 wherein the 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide is in the form of a salt selected from the acid addition salts formed with hydrochloric acid, methanesulphonic acid and acetic acid.

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38. A combination according to claim 37 wherein the salt of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide is the salt formed with hydrochloric acid.

39. A combination according to claim 37 wherein the salt of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide is the salt formed with methanesulphonic acid.

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40. A combination according to claim 36 wherein the salt of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide is the salt formed with acetic acid.

41. A combination according to any one of the preceding claims wherein at least one of the two or more further anti-cancer agents and compound of formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (VIa) or (VIb) are physically associated.

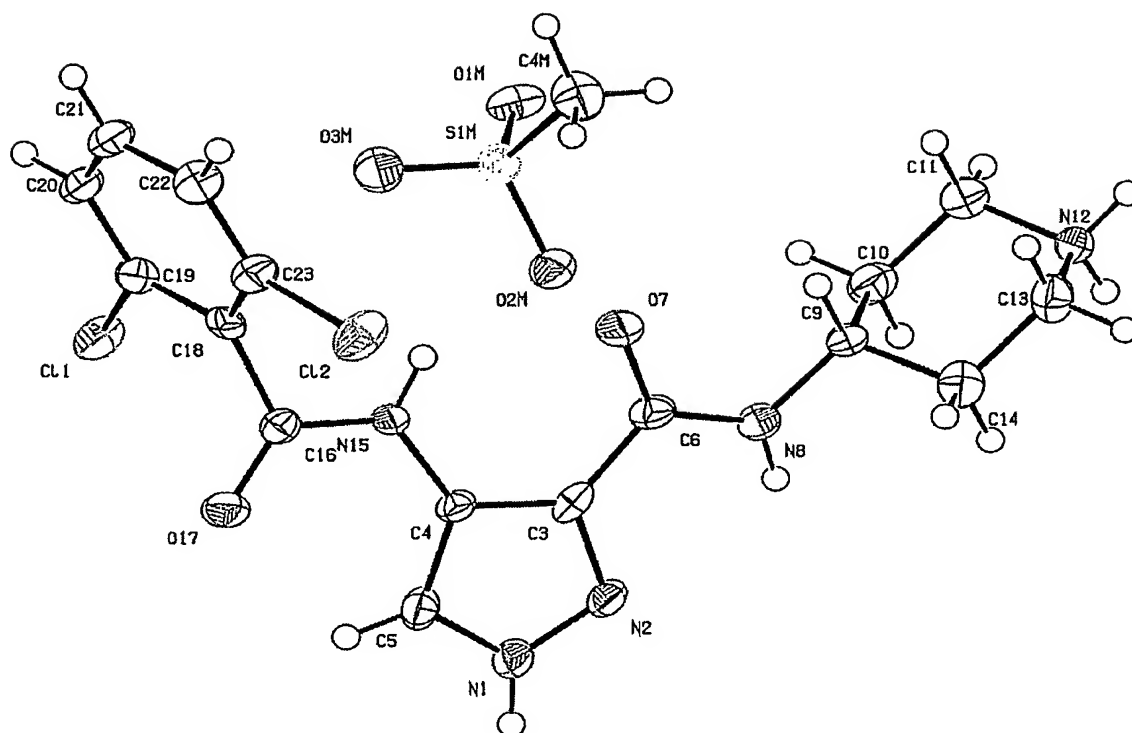
42. The combination of claim 41 wherein at least one of the two or more further anti-cancer agents and compound of formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (VIa) or (VIb) are: (a) in admixture (for example within the same unit dose); (b) chemically/physicochemically linked (for example by crosslinking, molecular agglomeration or binding to a common vehicle moiety); (c) chemically/physicochemically co-packaged (for example, disposed on or within lipid vesicles, particles (e.g. micro- or nanoparticles) or emulsion droplets); or (d) unmixed but co-packaged or co-presented (e.g. as part of an array of unit doses).
43. The combination of any one of claims 1 to 40 wherein at least one of the two or more further anti-cancer agents and compound of formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (VIa) or (VIb) are non-physically associated.
44. The combination of claim 43 wherein the combination comprises: (a) at least one of the three or more components of the combination together with instructions for the extemporaneous association of the at least one component to form a physical association with the other components; or (b) at least one of the three or more components together with instructions for combination therapy with the other components; or (c) at least one of the three or more components together with instructions for administration to a patient population in which the other components have been (or are being) administered; or (d) at least one of the three or more components in an amount or in a form which is specifically adapted for use in combination with the other components.
45. The combination as defined in any one of the preceding claims in the form of a pharmaceutical pack, kit or patient pack.
46. A combination according to any one of the preceding claims for use in alleviating or reducing the incidence of a disease or condition comprising or arising from abnormal cell growth in a mammal.
47. A method for alleviating or reducing the incidence of a disease or condition comprising or arising from abnormal cell growth in a mammal, which method comprises administering to the mammal a combination according to any one of claims 1 to 44 in an amount effective in inhibiting abnormal cell growth.
48. A method for treating a disease or condition comprising or arising from abnormal cell growth in a mammal, which method comprises administering to the mammal a combination according to any one of claims 1 to 44 in an amount effective in inhibiting abnormal cell growth.
49. A combination according to any one of claims 1 to 44 for use in inhibiting tumour growth in a mammal.
50. A method of inhibiting tumour growth in a mammal, which method comprises administering to the mammal an effective tumour growth-inhibiting amount of a combination according to any one of claims 1 to 44.
51. A combination according to any one of claims 1 to 44 for use in inhibiting the growth of tumour cells.

52. A method of inhibiting the growth of tumour cells, which method comprises contacting the tumour cells with administering to the mammal an effective tumour cell growth-inhibiting amount of a combination according to any one of claims 1 to 44.
53. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a combination according to any one of claims 1 to 46 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
54. A combination according to any one of claims 1 to 44 for use in medicine.
55. The use of a combination according to any one of claims 1 to 44 for the manufacture of a medicament for the prophylaxis or treatment of any one of the disease states or conditions disclosed herein.
56. A method for the treatment or prophylaxis of any one of the disease states or conditions disclosed herein, which method comprises administering to a patient (e.g. a patient in need thereof) combination according to any one of claims 1 to 44.
57. A method for alleviating or reducing the incidence of a disease state or condition disclosed herein, which method comprises administering to a patient (e.g. a patient in need thereof) a combination according to any one of claims 1 to 44.
58. A method for the diagnosis and treatment of a cancer in a mammalian patient, which method comprises (i) screening a patient to determine whether a cancer from which the patient is or may be suffering is one which would be susceptible to treatment with a compound having activity against cyclin dependent kinases and two or more further anti-cancer agents; and (ii) where it is indicated that the disease or condition from which the patient is thus susceptible, thereafter administering to the patient a combination according to any one of claims 1 to 44.
59. The use of a combination according to any of the claims 1 to 44 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of a cancer in a patient who has been screened and has been determined as suffering from, or being at risk of suffering from, a cancer which would be susceptible to treatment with a combination as defined in any one of claims 1 to 44 having activity against cyclin dependent kinase.
60. A method for treating a cancer in a patient comprising administration of a combination according to any one of claims 1 to 44 to said patient in an amount and in a schedule of administration that is therapeutically efficacious in the treatment of said cancer.
61. A method for preventing, treating or managing cancer in a patient in need thereof, said method comprising administering to said patient a prophylactically or therapeutically effective amount of a combination according to any one of claims 1 to 44.
62. The use of a combination according to any one of claims 1 to 44 for the manufacture of a medicament for use in the production of an anti-cancer effect in a warm-blooded animal such as a human.
63. A pharmaceutical pack, kit or patient pack comprising a combination according to any one of claims 1 to 46.

64. A pharmaceutical pack, kit or patient pack for anti-cancer therapy comprising two or more further anti-cancer agents in dosage form and a compound of Formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (VIa) or (VIb) according to any one of claims 1 to 44, also in dosage form (e.g. wherein the dosage forms are packaged together in common outer packaging).
- 5 65. A method for the treatment of a cancer in a warm-blooded animal such as a human, which comprises administering to said animal an effective amount of two or more anti-cancer agents sequentially e.g. before or after, or simultaneously with an effective amount of a compound of Formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (VIa) or (VIb) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 44.
- 10 66. A method of combination cancer therapy in a mammal comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (VIa) or (VIb) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 44 and a therapeutically effective amount two or more further anti-cancer agents.
67. A compound of Formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (VIa) or (VIb) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 44 for use in combination therapy with two or more further anti-cancer agents.
- 15 68. A compound of Formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (VIa) or (VIb) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 44 for use in combination therapy with two or more further anti-cancer agents to alleviate or reduce the incidence of a disease or condition comprising or arising from abnormal cell growth in a mammal.
- 20 69. A compound of Formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (VIa) or (VIb) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 44 for use in combination therapy with two or more further anti-cancer agents to inhibit tumour growth in a mammal.
70. A compound of Formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (VIa) or (VIb) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 44 for use in combination therapy with two or more further anti-cancer agents to prevent, treat or manage cancer in a patient in need thereof.
- 25 71. A compound of Formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (VIa) or (VIb) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 44 for use in enhancing or potentiating the response rate in a patient suffering from a cancer where the patient is being treated with two or more further anti-cancer agents.
- 30 72. A method of enhancing or potentiating the response rate in a patient suffering from a cancer where the patient is being treated with two or more further anti-cancer agents, which method comprises administering to the patient, in combination with at least one of the two or more further anti-cancer agents, a compound of Formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (VIa) or (VIb) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 44.
73. The use of a combination according to any one of claims 1 to 44 for the manufacture of a medicament for any of the medical uses as defined herein.
- 35 74. Two or more anti-cancer agents for use in combination therapy with a compound of formula (0), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (VIa) or (VIb) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 44.

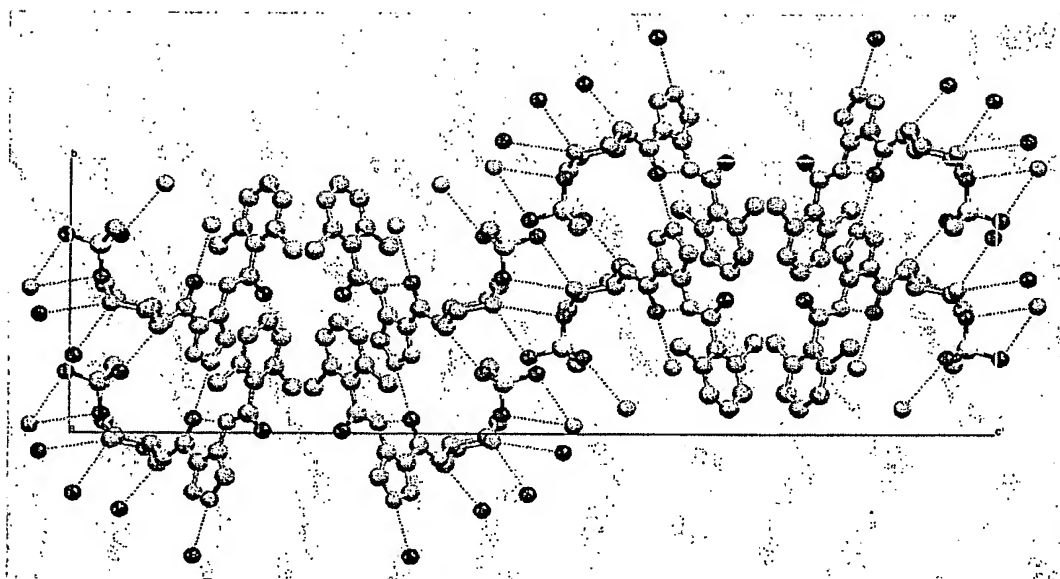
75. The two or more anti-cancer agents of claim 74 wherein the combination therapy comprises treatment, prophylaxis or any of the therapeutic uses as defined herein.
76. Use of two or more anti-cancer agents for the manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment or prophylaxis of a patient undergoing treatment with a compound of formula (O), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (VIa) or (VIb) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 44.
77. Use of a compound of formula (O), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (VIa) or (VIb) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 44 for the manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment or prophylaxis of a patient undergoing treatment with two or more further anti-cancer agents.
78. The invention of any one of the preceding claims wherein the two or more further anti-cancer agents are independently selected from: an antimetabolic compound, a taxane compound, a signalling inhibitor, a camptothecin compound, a vinca alkaloid compound, a platinum compound, a topoisomerase 2 inhibitor, an antiandrogen, a monoclonal antibody (e.g. to one or more cell surface antigens), an alkylating agent, a histone deacetylase inhibitor (HDAC), a cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitor, a proteasome inhibitor, DNA methylation inhibitor and a further CDK inhibitor.
79. The invention of any one of claims 1 to 77 wherein one of the two or more further anti-cancer agents is selected from an antiandrogen, a histone deacetylase inhibitor (HDAC), cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitor, proteasome inhibitor, DNA methylation inhibitor and a further CDK inhibitor.
80. The invention of any one of claims 1 to 77 wherein the two or more further anti-cancer agents are selected from 5-FU, methotrexate, cyclophosphamide and doxorubicin.
81. The invention of any one of claims 1 to 77 wherein the two or more further anti-cancer agents are fludarabine and rituxamab.
82. The invention of any one of claims 1 to 77 wherein the two or more further anti-cancer agents are independently selected from any of the anti-cancer agents described herein.
83. The invention of any one of the preceding claims wherein the compound of formula (O), (I⁰), (I), (Ia), (Ib), (II), (IV), (IVa), (Va), (VIa) or (VIb) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 44 is the methane sulphonic acid salt of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide.
84. The invention of claim 83 wherein the the methane sulphonic acid salt of 4-(2,6-dichloro-benzoylamino)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide is in crystalline form.

FIGURE 1



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FIGURE 2



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1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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